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The Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski  
Oregon State Senate  
and  
Jennifer Knapp  
Founder, Adrenal Insufficiency United

Dear Senator Prozanski and Ms. Knapp,

On behalf of NADF, I am writing to express my great appreciation for your work on Senate Bill SB875.

Adrenal insufficiency is a very serious condition, and it is not curable. It is however treatable with steroid replacement therapy. During emergencies, high dose of cortisol are essential and it is crucial that treatment begins quickly. Cortisol mobilizes nutrients, modifies the body's response to inflammation, stimulates the liver to raise blood sugar, and also helps to maintain hydration. In healthy individuals, production of this hormone is increased naturally during stressful situations (e.g., flu, infection) and even more so during emergencies (e.g., surgery, bleeding). Patients that are adrenal insufficient have to receive cortisol intravenously in these situations. Since this hormone regulates so many bodily functions, it is vital that it be administered without any delays.

Thank you for your efforts; we at NADF support your work and hope that other States use your example and implement similar laws.

Respectfully,  
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