

Testimony submitted via email.

Dear Rep. Mitch Greenlick,

I am writing to you in support of HB 2392, access to sound for children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Current insurance requirements leave children without adequate services and devices to help them succeed in school and life. HB 2392 will provide children with timely access to pediatric audiologists and assistive listening devices to aid with hearing.

My son who is now 4 years old was born with bilateral hearing loss which progressed from mild (from birth due to a recessive gene) to severe/profound. His first pair of hearing aids began at 2 months old and now, due to his progression he wears two cochlear implants full time. Because we were able to catch his loss from birth and were able to utilize all of the resources provided by the county/school districts as well as our insurance, my son has no speech deficit. In fact, his speech is classified as "normal as compared to children with no hearing loss."

As a member of the House Health Care Committee, will you push to have this bill scheduled for a work session?

Thank you

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Best Regards,

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