

Dear Rep. Greenlick:

I am writing to ask you to support HB 4104, access to sound for children with hearing loss.

I am a parent of a child with hearing loss, as well as an educator of children with hearing loss. In my work, I see first-hand the lifetime, negative effect a delay in access to technology and hearing evaluations can have on a child who is trying to access speech and spoken language through listening. Cochlear implants, FM systems, and hearing aids are the tools they use to become competent oral communicators.

Current insurance requirements leave children without adequate services and devices to help them succeed in school and life. HB 4104 will provide children with timely access to pediatric audiologists and assistive listening devices to aid with hearing.

Again, please support this important bill.

Thank you.

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