

To the Senate Committee On Health Care,

**I'm writing to ask for your support for SB 452.**

This bill directs the Oregon Health Authority to develop triage, treatment and transportation protocols for patients who carry emergency use medications. Allows emergency medical service providers to administer patient emergency use medication carried by patient.

My name is Sarah Rustan, and our family of four lives in Philomath, Oregon.

Our younger son McCully requires an emergency life-saving injectable medication when seriously "sick or injured". He carries this injection in his backpack, I carry it in my purse, and it is kept in his school as well. If we were ever in an accident, or incapacitated we would not be able to administer this life-saving injection to our child.

McCully was born with a rare medical condition called Hypopituitarism and it causes Adrenal Insufficiency. His body does not produce cortisol, the steroid that is constantly going through our bodies. When we are sick or injured, our bodies know to make more, his does not. Because of this he could potentially die from illness or injury that would seem relatively minor for most people.

When we were sent home from the hospital with McCully, we were given an emergency injection that would save his life should he ever get a serious injury, like a broken bone, concussion or trauma from a car accident. We also learned that it cannot hurt him if given in good faith when it wasn't 100% necessary. School personnel in Oregon, including teachers, administrators and office staff are also educated on how to use this medication and are prepared to do so at school if it is needed.

Imagine my husband and I's shock, when we learned EMT's and other emergency personnel in Oregon are not allowed to administer this medication to save our child's life! We learned that because there were no protocols in place emergency personnel are not allowed to give his prescription medication, even though it literally could mean the difference between life and death for him.

On behalf of all Oregonians affected by rare medical conditions, including our child, our family urges you to support SB452!

Respectfully,

Sarah Rustan and Mark Woosley  
Philomath, Oregon