

I would like to testify in support of SB 649.

A few years ago, I personally suffered a serious reaction to an antibiotic. I did not know what was causing my sudden symptoms. I am very thankful for the package insert that came with the medication. A doctor I consulted did not put the pieces together, and I was not up for a research project to find the information I needed - I was very sick. However, when I looked at the paperwork that came with the medication, I found the insert that had my symptoms already spelled out exactly. It prompted me to take appropriate steps, which stopped the damage before it got even more severe and dangerous. Package inserts are invaluable, even life-saving.

It is important that people have easy access to full and accurate information about any medication that they are given.

Many of us check the ingredients of the food we purchase at the grocery store. We would think it was unreasonable to have to do a complicated research project to get that information. How much more should information be easily available about what is in every medical product and injection that go into our bodies? I would urge your support for this bill.

Thank you,

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