

I, Matthew P Pimentel, stand behind the bill and will be proud to say that I will do everything I can to help individuals educate themselves about kidney disease.

When I was younger I was hit by a car and I later found out that I had developed trauma induced diabetes. That incident led me to be diagnosed with full type 1 diabetes which later led to the failure of my kidneys.

I was first diagnosed with kidney failure in 2009. I was 25 at the time. I was out jogging one day when I passed out and woke up in the hospital. At that point I was told my kidneys were failing.

Based off my own personal life experiences I am in full support of HB 2421 and the work of a kidney disease taskforce and I encourage this committee to support the bill as well.

It is critical that we as a society become more familiar with the causes and treatments of kidney disease and do what we can to address the disease tighter.

Thank you for holding a hearing on this bill and I hope that it will be passed with the full support of this committee.

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