



March 25, 2025

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Oregon House Bill 2529

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jennifer Sarmiento, and I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon House Bill 2529. This bill addresses a critical need for the bill aims to improve cardiac emergency response in schools by mandating specific requirements for AEDs and cardiac emergency response plans. As a mom that has lost a child to Sudden Cardiac Arrest], I have personally witnessed the detrimental effects of not having access of AEDs on school campuses and not having a cardiac emergency response plan in place and practiced on an annual basis. Sudden Cardiac Arrest in youth is the number one cause of death on school campuses so this bill will be protecting so many youth in Oregon.

I urge the committee to consider the following key points:

- **Accessible AEDs:** by having AEDs accessible you are tripling someone's chance of survival from SCA
- **Cardiac Emergency Response Plans:** SCA is the number one cause of death in student athletes and 1 in 300 youth have an undiagnosed heart condition that puts them at risk to SCA, so it is critical for schools to have a cardiac emergency plan in place and it practiced on a regular basis.
- **Staff Training:** When every second counts when someone goes into SCA, having trained staff that can use their training to help is crucial to someone's survival

I believe that passing HB 2529 will demonstrate Oregon's commitment to public safety and the safety of their youth on school campuses.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB 2529.

Sincerely,

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