

Thank you for allowing me to speak in support of Senate Bill 164, regarding spreading awareness about Sarcomas.

My daughter Andria lost her life to osteosarcoma 12 years ago. It was a complicated and devastating diagnosis for our family. It was especially difficult explaining to others the differences between carcinoma and Sarcoma. We all had to be educated on this, since it is rare and the treatment, at that time was as bad as the disease. Slowly I came to realize that Sarcoma not only affects humans, but also dogs, especially large dogs. A lot of the research being done today starts in the veterinary field. Anything that you can do to increase awareness of this disease would lend a lot of hope to human patients and dog owners. One of the things that bothered Andria before her death was that no one did anything for "her" cancer. Passing this bill would be a fitting tribute to her memory.

Thank you.

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