

Chairperson Huffman, Vice Chairperson Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Health Committee. My name is Sandra Williams, and I just want to let the people in the State of Ohio become more aware of sarcoidosis and how we need more of you too beware of this disease.

I was diagnosed in 2005, after the age of 50. At first, the doctors said I had cancer. After so many different tests & MRI & x-ray's, I was refer to an oncologist.

I was sent to a surgeon & from there I had my left lymph node removed. From that surgery, I was diagnosed with Sarcoidosis.

I was diagnosed with the disease, which is in my left lung. Basically, I have lost my hearing in both ears. Had sinusitis and sinus surgery. I have lost my smell & had to have surgery to removed the polops in my nose. The only medications that I was given was prednisone, which were in very high doses.

I am in remission right now, three years so far. Nevertheless, the Sarcoidosis is still there and we need you all to see that this disease is very real and everybody needs to be aware. We also can change the conversation, and hopefully prevent those who might die from this disease.