

Adam and Heather Longwell

Daughter Kendall , Cystic Fibrosis – age 7

Hello. We are Adam and Heather Longwell - we are parents to a 7 year old girl named Kendall with cystic fibrosis. Both of us would have loved to come and talk to the Ohio Senate today regarding the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) but we both work full time to keep healthcare for Kendall. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that does not show on the outside but affects many pieces and parts of the body on the inside – such as the digestive and respiratory systems. Kendall takes numerous drugs daily to keep all of her symptoms of cystic fibrosis at bay. At 9 months, Kendall was diagnosed with failure to thrive; received a feeding tube and spent many years in feeding therapy. Without the help of BCMh, Kendall would not be able to play soccer or take dance lessons – her two favorite activities. We would be spending our extra income on the numerous hospital bills that would accumulate between yearly bloodwork, 2 week hospital stays, quarterly doctor appointments and monthly medications to just name a few. We appreciate BCMh and what it does for Kendall and to be able to create for her a “normal” childhood. Thanks for listening.

