

Good afternoon,

My name is Rob Ravenscroft and I am here to speak in support of House Bill 492, requiring school athletic coaches complete mental health training.

Our daughter Sinéad went through a severe mental health crisis in March and was admitted to a facility for intense therapy. When we took her home it was scary because we had no support and we feared that we would never see her smile again.

Through a lacrosse friend, Coach Beasley heard about Sinéad and contacted me about a week after Sinéad had returned home. Within days, Sinéad was practicing and playing with the Coffman team. We dropped her to lacrosse practice knowing that she was in very good hands, that her coaches knew what warning signs to look for due to their mental health training.

Sinéad would like to say a few words...