

Chair Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani and other members of the Health Provider Services Committee...thank you for allowing us to be here today to speak on HB47.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest can happen to anyone at any time. This legislation will save lives.

We were Surprised that AED's are not required at sporting facilities, events and recreational centers.

Here is why we wanted to be a part of this important legislation, as this hit home....

January 12th of this year Rick collapsed while refereeing a basketball game.

He went into cardiac arrest.

He had CPR administered and then the AED and CPR administered again.

And then there was a pulse and a gasp of air. Let me say it againthere was a pulse and a gasp of air.

Their actions saved his life.....This included the need to use the AED.

There is a TV news segment about this night from WBNS Channel 10 that aired on Jan 20th. On the heels of Damar Hamlin, the Buffalo Bills player who collapsed on the football field bringing AED awareness into the national spotlight. Telling you this because if are having doubts about this bill you need to see the channel 10 piece and you will realize the importance of the AED.

He had open heart by-pass surgery on January 16th.

His LAD left artery descending....the "widow maker" was 100% blocked.

He did not show any symptoms that day or even right before "the event." He did not have any cardiac history, signs or issues.

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Early Recovery from the surgery was "slow and steady wins the race." He is doing amazingWhy.... because he was saved in part due to an AED readily available. His cardiac-thoracic surgeon says "your heart now has 100,000 miles left in it."

As you can imagine this was all so scary. But the scary stuff is behind us. All is good. And, he's got this because his life was saved because of the AED.

We are so beyond thankful to those who saved his life at Columbus Academy. But also thankful that the school had protocol in place including knowing the importance of training and the AED available.

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Thank GOD Rick is alive to tell his story and help save others by being here today.

Thank GOD Rick has the chance to be on the road to recovery and start his 100,000 mile journey. Due to people willing to take quick action and lifesaving devicesthe AED.

Thank GOD Rick has the opportunity to watch our boys and their families grow. And be "PaPa" to our granddaughter Ainsley and future grandchildren. He has lots of living to still do.

Imagine you are a sporting event or playing a sport and you witness someone having a cardiac arrest with a different outcome They die. Imagine witnessing someone die vs being saved. Now imagine if that was you or your loved one. When an AED may have saved your or their life. I am sorry to be so dramatic to make the point but need to have this hit home, get personal.

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