

Chair Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, my name is Sally Metcalfe and I want to thank you for allowing me testify as a proponent of House Bill (HB) 47.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life threatening emergency that is the leading cause of death among young athletes. SCA can be effectively treated if an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), often combined with CPR, is utilized within 5 minutes of the incident occurring. Unfortunately, Ohio law does not require AEDs to be placed in schools or sports and recreation locations across the state of Ohio.

Having an AED in these locations accompanied with the proper training can serve as the difference between life and death when it comes to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This is bipartisan, commonsense legislation that is absolutely necessary to protect the health and safety of our children and our communities.

As a two time survivor of cardiac arrest I can attest to the benefits of immediate delivery of CPR and AED intervention. Unfortunately, our family's story continued when our 41 year old son experienced cardiac arrest also. He was very physically active and ate a healthy diet. While jogging in the park on his lunch break, he experienced cardiac arrest. Sadly, CRP was not started immediately and there was not an AED near by. While there is no guarantees, these interventions could have helped to save his life. House Bill 47 is long overdue and is necessary to help save lives of both young and old.

This bill will save lives and I would encourage you all to be a part of that by voting yes on HB 47.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sally Metcalfe