

## Proponent Testimony on HB 538: Kelly Perhach

My name is Kelly Perhach and I am a lupus warrior. I was diagnosed with Systemic Erythematosis Lupus (SLE) and Bullious Systemic Erythematosis (BSLE) five years ago. I have made it my mission to spread awareness and educate others. I, myself, had no clue what lupus was nor did my family and friends, I lost a lot of people that I was close with because they did not understand what I was going through and they were scared of the unknown. That is why it's so important to have May as Lupus Awareness Month. We need to educate people, so we can have more of a voice to help others understand what we go through day in and day out. Just because some of us don't look sick on the outside, doesn't mean we are not fighting a battle everyday that doesn't mean we are not fighting a battle everyday that does not have a cure.

Lupus Warrior  
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