

Dear Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee:

My name is Resa Tobin and I am writing to express my support for HB 47 to require AEDs and emergency response training in our schools and athletic venues. As a community educator for Fairfield Medical Center and one of the founding members of its affiliated Community Heart Watch, over the past fourteen years, I have seen that CPR and AEDs save lives. While on average, only 10% of people who suffer cardiac arrest survive, when CPR and an AED are used quickly, survival can increase to 80%! In fact, Lancaster City Schools which has been dedicated to cardiac emergency preparedness since 2012 by making AEDs accessible throughout their campuses, training students and staff in CPR and AED use and requiring cardiac emergency drills, has had 3 cardiac emergencies with 100% survival! HB 47 will extend these best practices throughout our state and will help save lives of our students, athletes and community members.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,

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