

*Good morning Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill 47.* In June of 2021, I was the first citizen to approach Representative Brown regarding legislation that would eventually become House Bill 47.

My name is Joshua Dunaway and I am 11 years old. I am a typical kid, I attend St. Pius X School I like to hang out with friends and my 4 brothers and 1 sister. My most favorite thing in the world is to play soccer. I am very competitive and I always play hard. Earlier this year I had a syncope episode that was really scary for me and my family. After several tests and seeing a cardiologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital I was released to continue sports and life as normal.

My mom and dad have been advocating for more AEDs on soccer fields and in sports facilities for the last couple of years but my recent health issues made me realize how important it is to have emergency action plans in place, for the adults around me to know CPR and for there to always be an AED nearby where you can get to it and have it on a sudden cardiac arrest victim within 3 minutes.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the number one killer of young athletes but can happen to anyone regardless of age. The only way to save someone's life is with an AED and the chances of survival go up drastically the sooner you can treat someone with one of these life saving devices.

I want to ask you to please pass House Bill 47. This law will save lives. It could save a life like mine or a life like yours. We need AEDs in every school, on every sports field and everywhere in between.

Thank you for your time.

Joshua Dunaway