

Dear Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Health Committee.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share with you my personal testimony today in support of House Bill 47. I am a registered nurse, and last fall, I was also a bystander who intervened with CPR and the successful use of an AED to save the life of a child who was enjoying her first middle school dance when she suddenly went into cardiac arrest.

It is my humble opinion that all schools should be required to have these life saving devices that truly make a difference when every second counts. I cannot begin to imagine what would have happened if that AED had not been there that evening, but I know that the outcome could have been very different and tragic, not only for that little girl and her family but also for the other children who were present at the event and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical legislation.

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