

April 24, 2025

To Chairman Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and Members of the House Health Committee:

Thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 12, The Jeff, Dave, & Angie Patient Right to Try Act.

As a parent of four children, I have gone to great lengths to ensure my children have the best medical care possible. At times, this has included giving them medications prescribed by doctors for uses not indicated on the package inserts.

One of my children was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome when he was young. We tried many medications to help his symptoms, and some of these medications were not approved for Tourette Syndrome. I have another child with Multiple Sclerosis. She has had great success with a medication which is not approved for Multiple Sclerosis. The insurance company covers it, even though it is not FDA approved for this use. Finally, I have another child who had severe acne. She was also prescribed medication not approved for this use.

In all of these cases the doctors provided us with the pros and cons of these medications, allowing me as the parent to make the best decision for my child.

Please protect all health providers' right to medical free speech so that I can have informed consent, and protect my right to access medications that my doctor has prescribed.

I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 12.

Thank you,

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