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Proponent Testimony of HB448

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Dear Chair, , Members of the Ohio House Insurance Committee.

My name is Danielle Turner and I am visually impaired and have a learning disability. I am so glad that I have this opportunity to provide my account on HB448.

My mother who is blind has a device that speaks all of the information on her pill bottle. It is the most wonderful device that I have seen. Although, I can not make out the printed labels on my medication bottles or my daughters, I have a sister that comes over to help. But, I would like to do this myself. I want to be independent with caring for my needs and my daughter needs when we are provided medication.

As I said, the talking machine that my mother has, my pharmacy does not offer. I have even changed drug stores to inquire if they can provide the machine. I have been offered several telephone numbers to call. However, I still do not have a device.

Please take into consideration that everywhere I go to get my medication stores are turning me down because they can not provide a talking prescription device. I need this type of accommodation, so I do not have to inconvenience my family by driving or coming to my home throughout the night. All drug stores should offer such devices that will help people like me and my mother to understand what is on our pill bottles to keep us compliant and safe. Therefore, I need such a machine for not just me, but for my child; so she receives everything she needs to feel better and healthy.

Thank you for giving me the chance to tell my story!