

Victoria Flowers – FAVORABLE – SB 695

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Testimony on Senate Bill 0695

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An Act concerning

Education-Comprehensive Health Education Program-Skin Cancer

Testimony in support of SB0695-An Act concerning Education-Comprehensive Health Education Program-Skin Cancer.

I Victoria Flowers fully support this bill.

My reasons for said support is because my oldest son passed away from melanoma after a 4 and half year battle against this disease at the age of 24.

Had a health education program been in place while he was attending, elementary, middle and high school; I know his habits of protecting his skin against the harmful UV rays would be different. He may still be alive today.

Most people agree that it easier to educate a child at a young age and instill in them healthy habits to enable them to make better decisions.

Since Nick's passing, I have volunteered my time and shared his story with many high school and college students. After my presentation, many students approached me and told me that they wished they had learned in elementary and middle school the facts that I had discussed with them during my presentation.

This is the reason why I strongly encourage voting for this bill and making it become law, so we can help save the lives of others, so no one has to endure the pain and heartache that my entire family has had to go through.