

HB656 Support

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Donna King. I am here to speak to you on behalf of my son, Christopher King who died on January 10, 2017. He was only 27 years old at the time and left us to raise his 4year old son. I was asked to speak today in reference to the experience we had with a doctor that prescribed a vivitrol shot for Chris during his addiction. I had to call and take Chris to a doctor in order for them to prescribe him a shot of vivitrol to block the effects of opiates. We were told to call, and they would have this ready for him. He could get a shot every 30 days. This was found difficult as one time we went to the office and they said they didn't have it. With much debate they finally agreed to administer someone else's shot I think that was coming in later. Many times, we had to wait for them to call and let us know when we could go in. Being over the 30days while waiting for his shot he was around 45days and was scheduled for his shot on a Friday. Chris died Tuesday night right before. I am here for Chris and the children that need this shot every day and could save their lives. Please pass this bill!

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