HB 675 - Brynleigh's Act - SUPPORT

Good afternoon, members of the Ways and Means Committee I'm looking forward to visiting the General Assembly when I am home for Spring Break in March. I am taking 19 credits this semester so I am very busy, but it is going well. The University of Kentucky is definitely the right place for me to pursue my degree.

I wanted to reach out and ask for your support for HB675 "Seizure Action Plans". As you know, I was diagnosed with Epilepsy in middle school and my experience with teachers, students and administrators was anything but positive. This Bill, which supports education and training, will make a significant difference in the lives of students like me. Unfortunately, I am unable to come home for the Hearing on Friday, February 21st to testify in person. What I'd like you and the other members of the Ways and Means Committee to know is that having Epilepsy is scary. A seizure can happen at any time, even when you are taking medication. It is even scarier when you are in an environment, such as a school, that doesn't know how to respond when you have a seizure. I have had that experience, and this Bill means that other students won't have to face that. Many people don't feel comfortable talking about Epilepsy and seizures, but the schools should be a place where those conversations happen regularly. Students spend so much time in school and their teachers and peers should have a basic understanding of the signs and symptoms of seizures so that they can respond in an appropriate and safe way should a seizure occur. This Bill would make a positive difference in the lives of many young people across the State and I hope that you will consider supporting it.

If I can be of any assistance in sharing my experience as a student with Epilepsy as this Bill progresses through the House, please feel free to reach out to me at jwh2800@gmail.com or by phone: 443-750-2270.

Thank you!

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