

Heidi Felix Testimony for Kentucky Bill

My name is Heidi Felix, and I am honored to represent LifeVac LLC as the Vice President of Sales. 5,000 choking deaths occur every year. One child dies every 5 days, and choking is the 4th leading cause of accidental death.

LifeVac is a simple, non-invasive, portable airway clearance device intended to be used during a choking emergency when standard choking rescue protocols fail or are not feasible, such as pregnant women, frail, obese, disabled patients in a wheelchair, or young children. Backslaps and abdominal thrusts are 70% effective when performed by a trained professional. LifeVac is another option that can be used to dislodge airway obstructions and help save more lives.

LifeVac has been proven to be safe and effective. 9 peer-reviewed medical studies show the efficacy of our device. LifeVac has received **5,453** clinical reports of lives saved worldwide, and **3,304** were children.

LifeVac has been implemented in **10,519** schools in the USA. We have received **105** clinical reports of lives saved in US-based schools. LifeVac has partnered with **Cardio Partners, School Nurse Supply, AED Professionals, Unifirst, and CoroMedical**, who have implemented LifeVac in schools across the country.

LifeVac is working with the FDA to ensure full compliance with its regulations and guidelines. Exponent is the company that conducted independent testing on the efficacy of LifeVac, and the results were recently submitted with the DeNovo application to receive FDA approval.

“The public health implications of these findings are significant. Given the prevalence of choking incidents in pediatric and elderly populations, increasing awareness and accessibility of the LifeVac airway clearance device could enhance emergency response efforts. Additionally, integrating the LifeVac device into first aid training programs may further improve preparedness for choking emergencies.”

LifeVac should be implemented in memory of Landon in all Kentucky Public Schools to prevent future choking tragedies. Everyone deserves another option in a choking emergency. Thank you for your time and consideration.