



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this to add my voice toward the passing of the Claire & Lola's Law (HB 2244).

This law is very close to my heart because I know the family and have witnessed their tremendous courage and heartache. I have also witnessed the beautiful love they have for their two precious daughters and their amazing son. One of their daughters is watching her incredibly loving parents fight for her sister, Lola and others from Heaven. This beautiful little angel deserves to have the help she needs to improve the quality of her life and prevent her death from one of the many seizures she has daily.

I also have selfish reasons for standing up for the passing of this law. My husband of 50 years (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018) suffers from Parkinson's. As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, I am very aware of the heart break that is ahead. I worked with

many caregivers as a volunteer and later as an intern with a Hospice. My husband takes many medications to help prevent the progression of his disease. However, his tremors make life difficult. In addition, the medication affects his energy and balance. He has always been the handyman around the house. He still does amazingly well despite the tremors. However, it becomes more apparent each day that it is getting more and more difficult. From the research I have done, this law will help him have a better quality of life.

Three years ago, I suffered a grand mal seizure. I had never suffered from Epilepsy. During the seizure, I broke my left leg in two places. After being on medication, I still had three more seizures and many mini seizures. I have been through many medication changes and adjustments. I have managed to be seizure-free for over a year. However, my medications cause horrible side effects and make it very hard to get a good night's sleep. I also suffer from MS and hope that this condition does not exacerbate. I am currently stable but worry about the future of my quality of life and my ability to care for my husband and my aging mother.

Please help pass Claire and Lola's Law (HB 2244) for everyone who deserves the best quality of life possible.

Thank you,

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