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HB21-1169 Prohibit Discrimination Organ Transplant Recipient

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| <p>Abby Heasley</p> <p>For</p> <p>Self</p> | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing this letter to express my support in passing HB 21-1169-Prutt's Law.</p> <p>I am the mother of two daughters, Hattie and Shiloh. My oldest daughter, Hattie, has a rare chromosome disorder "1q43q44 deletion syndrome". Despite the hardships of her diagnosis, Hattie is a happy little girl that is the light of our lives. Hattie loves music, loves her friends and cartoons just as any typical 3 year old would. Although Hattie has mobility and cognitive delays that often limit her ability to do things "normally" healthcare and her right to transplants should not be affected because of her disability.</p> <p>Aside from having a daughter with special needs, I am also the founder of a nonprofit called Harmony Dance Team- a dance program for kids of all abilities. A lot of my dance students have significant medical needs, and it is deeply concerning to believe that they would be discriminated against for any kind of life saving medical procedure or transplant.</p> <p>Prutt's law will help many families, including my own, feel comforted knowing that their child would not be discriminated against during a trying time of their life- deciding on a transplant surgery or medical procedure.</p> <p>Hattie, Prutt, and other children with or without disabilities are just normal kids who deserve equal rights to transplants and other medical decisions. No child's future should be hindered by discrimination, especially in a medical environment. Pass Prutt's law.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> |

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