

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2478
House Health and Human Services Committee

Dear Chairman Morrison and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am here today representing Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229. We are here to support House Bill 2478 by Representative Barbieri-Lightner.

This Bill would permit students in grades 6-12 who may require emergency use of asthma medication or epinephrine auto-injector to carry and self-administer such medications in the school, or at school-sponsored activities. The Bill would also exempt the school district and governing body from liability in the event of any claims relating to the self-administration except in the case of active negligence by the school or its employees.

Our understanding is that 11 states now permit self-medication for both asthma and anaphylaxis and another 14 permit self-administration of asthma medications only. We would recommend favorable passage of House Bill 2478.

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