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Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Tonya Dickey and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today about the benefits around a new bill labeled LD – 981. I am hoping you will support this as it means very much to me. My addiction due to medical issues since he was a freshman in high school, which required the doctors to prescribe pain medication. Fast forward through our ups and downs he had been clean going on. My name is Tonya Dickey and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today about the benefits around a new bill labeled LD – 981. I am hoping you will support this as it means very much to me. My son, Tyson, struggled with addiction due to medical issues since he was a freshman in high school, which required the doctors to prescribe pain medication. Fast forward through our ups and downs he had been clean going on three years, when he needed surgery. The doctors prescribed pain medication, and the day after his prescription ran out he bought some thing that ended up being fentanyl. I believe had this bill been in place prior to Tysons relapse, he would still be here. In the last several years we have seen a dramatic increase in overdoses. It is a major health threat leaving children without parents, and mothers and fathers without their children. Most professional first responders carry Narcan but not all. That is where this bill comes into play. All first responders should be required to carry, use and be trained how to properly administer Narcan. Not only statewide but hopefully nationwide. If this bill passes, I request it be named in honor of my son, and called Tyson's Law.

Thank you for your time and all the hard work you do.