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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2927

I am writing in support HB 2927 to support the creation of a Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease. The bill would devote resources to understanding and responding to the physical, social and emotional needs of people afflicted with this disease, and their families. I have personally visited people in the hospital who were in a sickle cell crisis. With their blood flow restricted, patients are typically bedridden and unable to move. If they did move around -- even to do to the bathroom -- it could be enough to cause a deadly blood clot and kill them right there. Children with sickle cell often die of strokes before they have been diagnosed. It is critically important to improve patient's access to healthcare, social support and other services that could improve and even save the lives of people with sickle cell disease. Please pass this bill.

Thank you.