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In Favor of HR 2685

This bill offers a primary public health screening to identify newborn infants with cytomegalovirus(CMV). This infection may have life-long complications of hearing loss and developmental delay.

As a retired public health nurse of 30 years, I realize the great importance of identifying hearing loss as early as possible in infants. Their abilities to communicate and learn about their world may be greatly diminished if this “invisible” loss is not recognized several months or even years into their development.

Vote for this bill to support children who may be facing long-term hearing loss and their parents. They deserve the earliest diagnosis and intervention to meet this challenging condition.

Sincerely,

Eileen Marma