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As the grandparent of a child who contracted CMV shortly prior to her birth, I see the tremendous importance of this bill. If she had been tested for CMV earlier, she would have had more options for medications and treatment to help prevent the damage CMV did to her. She is completely deaf in one ear and had surgery for a cochlear implant at 18 months. She is also partially deaf in the other ear. We are lucky it wasn't worse, but things can still change and more damage can still occur even years later. Some parents have no idea what is going on with their children, and the blood spot testing must happen within a certain time frame. Early treatment is critical. Please pass this bill! CMV impacts more children and families than you know.