

Honorable or Senator [insert name]
Street
City, State Zip

Re: Support of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act [insert bill number].

Dear Representative or Senator [insert name]:

I want to express our support for The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act (insert Act Number).

[Add a paragraph that contains where you live and why you care about this topic].

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) takes the lives of thousands of children every year. It is the #1 cause of death of student athletes. A study published by the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine (2012), showed that 72% of students who suffered from SCA experienced at least one symptom. This is why learning about the warning signs is critical.

This bill makes sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) a household term. It empowers parents, coaches and students with information about the symptoms of SCA. Parents will know that sudden cardiac arrest is not just an adult thing, and that there are warning signs like fainting during exercise.

Coaches will receive training about sudden cardiac arrest, and realize that a player who has unexplained shortness of breath, or who is extremely fatigued may have a heart condition and must be removed from play.

Put simply, our parents and coaches will be better informed so that they can make more educated and safer decisions about the well being of our student athletes.

Finally, this bill is budget neutral. The State will not have to spend additional money to raise awareness and save lives. The educational video was produced by Simon's Heart and is available free of charge through the National Federation of State High School Associations website, www.NFHSLearn.org.

Thanks for supporting this life-saving legislation.