

Testimony in Support of House Bill H 5428

My name is Laura Turini. I am a nurse anesthetist and have been practicing nurse anesthesia for over 18 years, 5 of which were at Hasbro Children's Hospital. More important than being a Nurse anesthetist, I am a mom. I am a mom to a beautiful, vibrant, sassy little girl. Her name is Milania and she is 5 years old.

Milania needs an MRI and because she is so small she needs sedation for it.

As her mom and a nurse anesthetist, I will not allow her to have this MRI at Hasbro because I know that she deserves better. She deserves better care and better guardrails for her safety while getting an anesthetic drug – propofol.

Milania deserves a provider who is the most qualified, certified, most experienced and educated to administer her an anesthetic that could potentially kill her.

So I will take my beautiful little girl to Boston children's hospital where I know they have a trained, educated, experienced anesthesia provider giving the children of Massachusetts anesthetics such as propofol for elective procedures.

And I know maybe some of you or your colleagues may not believe or accept the proof that this is actually happening at Hasbro. But Just the other night I spoke to a

mom whose son had an MRI at Hasbro who when I first spoke with her was certain it was an anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist who rendered him unconscious. But after her pulling her son's record she discovered the only providers on the record were a pediatrician and a Nurse Practitioner. I will tell you, she was in shock. She felt misled, betrayed and fooled.

So I wonder, if this committee does not vote to pass this Bill and if I didn't know any better and I did take my beautiful Milania to Hasbro for an MRI and a Nurse practitioner gave her propofol and things went wrong and she died, I would have to believe and the people of RI would have to believe that our Legislators chose to not prevent this from happening. By not passing this Bill, you are choosing to not provide for and protect my daughter when you had the opportunity to!

I strongly urge you to NOT chose that. Please pass House Bill 5428. The people of this amazing state deserve it.

Sincerely,

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