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Good morning my name is David and I am a resident of Warwick, and in regard to the bill currently being looked at H 7815 I am one hundred percent in favor of this bill. And the reason I am in favor of this bill is because in 2023 I had major heart surgery, and I asked multiple times if I was able to bank my own blood or utilize blood from healthy people I know and I was denied. The reason they gave me is well they will need to screen the blood, which all blood is already screened and mine wouldn't need to be screened it's my own blood. And here are a few more reasons banking your own blood is beneficial.

Being able to bank your own blood before surgery is a necessary option in modern healthcare because it directly improves patient safety, respects individual autonomy, and reduces dependence on an often-limited public blood supply. First, autologous blood donation significantly reduces medical risks. Even though donated blood is carefully screened, there is still a small possibility of complications such as transfusion reactions, infections, or immune system responses. Using your own blood eliminates incompatibility issues and virtually removes the risk of transfusion-transmitted diseases. For patients with rare blood types or complex medical conditions, this added safety margin can be critical. Secondly it supports patient autonomy and peace of mind. Some individuals have personal, religious, or medical reasons for avoiding donor blood. Allowing patients to bank their own blood gives them greater control over their care and can reduce anxiety leading up to surgery. That psychological benefit can also contribute to better recovery outcomes. Third, it also helps preserve the public blood supply. Hospitals rely on donated blood, which can be in short supply—especially during emergencies, disasters, or seasonal shortages. When patients use their own stored blood for planned procedures, it reduces demand on community blood banks, leaving more resources available for trauma patients and others who have no alternative. Finally, advances in storage and surgical planning make autologous donation increasingly practical. For many elective surgeries, blood can be safely collected and stored in advance, making this a realistic and proactive option rather than a theoretical one.

Ty for your consideration in passing this bill H7815