

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Law HB 2244. My son was diagnosed with Hydrocephalus at 20 weeks in utero. Hydrocephalus effects the ventricles in your brain and doesn't allow the extra spinal fluid to drain off quickly. Because of this diagnosis, Curt acquired Cerebral Palsy, which affects the limbs and muscles in his body. He was also born blind, due to the extra pressure of spinal fluid pushing up on the nerves of his eyes. My son also has epilepsy from nerve endings in the brain not being able to connect to each other. I am writing to you in hopes you will read our story and consider passing this bill.

My son is currently 3 years old, and he was prescribed a muscle relaxer at just 3 months of age. He was also prescribed a medication that helps reduces seizures but causes behavioral changes. My son also has had two brain surgeries because of these diagnoses. My son is unable to communicate with me when he is pain or even when a seizure is about to occur. These medications are not safe for kids to take long term, and that is why I am desperately seeking an alternative, safe medicine. Medical cannabis has no long-term side effects, and it has been proven to stop seizures in their tracks. And studies have also found that it helps with muscle tightness from Cerebral Palsy. My son has two seizures a week, and they are about 1 to 3 minutes long, even while taking medication. The length of these seizures is frightening & too long. Please consider passing this bill so other children, including my son, can live fulfilling lives on a natural medication.

Thank You for your consideration,

Ravin Lee Young



Curt after his first brain surgery.



Curt at 2 years old, wheelchair-bound.