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**Testimony  
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And  
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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee and the public, I am pleased to offer my written testimony in support of House Bill 1803. We strongly support this Bill. Without question, technological advancements in CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators are extending lives in Pennsylvania and we strongly support passage of House Bill 1803 to make an even-more pronounced positive impact in Pennsylvania.

Through my company and also through the AED public access defibrillation program PULSE here in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania we have increased the survival rate for those in cardiac arrest in some areas to as high as 40%. In 1998 the PULSE program was started at the request of local first responders after hearing the stories such as Greg Moyer and so many others like him who passed away due to sudden cardiac arrest in schools, health clubs, and other public and private venues with no AED's on site and no one trained in CPR. PULSE raised funds and gave away 1270 AED's to schools, churches, community centers, recreational sites, and so many others. To this date the program is proud to say 81 lives have been saved due to laypersons learning CPR and using the AED's that were made available by PULSE. I have been personally blessed to see the results of these AED's being used and felt the hand shakes of the survivors and shared the tears of joy with the families.

What a return on the investment PULSE has made by providing AED's and training to the communities. Pulse has shared tremendous success these past 12 years due to strong support from people like the Moyer's who tragically lost their son to SCA and numerous others who lost one of their loved ones and share the same grief. Myself being a Paramedic here in Pennsylvania for the past 20 years, responding to SCA events every year, I used to think it was so rare to see someone survive an SCA event. But in the past 10 years since people like the Moyer's began sharing their story and doing everything possible to see AED's get placed in schools and other public sites I've gotten to see a drastic upward trend in survivors due mainly in part to AED's being placed in these locations and laypersons trained in CPR and how to use them.

We can't battle this horrible disease alone which is why we are asking for your help here today. We ask you to please support passage of House Bill 1803 in memory of Greg Moyer and all of those like him who have fallen victim to this horrible disease whether in school, the gym, or any public or private site. Please help stop the unnecessary loss of life by supporting this Bill. By passing House Bill 1803 you would become a link in the chain of survival!

Sincerely,

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