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Submitted to the Committee on Public Education
For HB 920

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Hearing Date: March 14, 2023 8:00 AM

Jack Frazee, Director of Government Affairs and General Counsel
Texas Nurses Association
Austin, TX

The Texas Nurses Association supports this bill and requests favorable consideration by this committee.

Crissie Richardson
Self, Registered Nurse with Emergency Nursing specialty
Salado, TX

Registering in favor of this bill.

Mary Hart

Self- Registered Respiratory Therapist, RCP

Paris, TX

I am an asthmatic, a mother of an asthmatic and have worked in the field of respiratory care for over 40 years. We know that 9 people die each day from asthma. This is not ok.

While asthma can't be cured, it can be controlled. I know what it feels like not being able to breathe! I know the feeling and the relief of being able to breathe again from using an Albuterol inhaler- to relieve my respiratory distress. Without it, when I have an asthma exacerbation, I could die.

I was just recently diagnosed with allergic asthma after having COVID. I had never had a bronchospasm before but I had witnessed them many times in my daughter and patients I cared for...I knew I had to relieve the respiratory distress with Albuterol...or I might die. it worked!!! I happened to have an Albuterol MDI in my home- just in case.

What if I forget to carry my Albuterol inhaler with me?

What if I'm not able to get it quickly?

What if my inhaler is out of medication?

Schools are a perfect place to have Albuterol for emergencies- it's safe, easy to use, can save a life.

People spend countless hours in school-and if 1 out of 10 people have asthma...well you can figure it out...there's a need.

Having Albuterol in public and private schools will save someone's life!

Why would you not vote to have Albuterol available in schools to administer to someone in respiratory distress?

Please, please consider my plea of support and make your decision to support this bill.

Cecilia M Oldmixon, Professor

Self / Respiratory Therapist

Victoria, TX

As a respiratory therapist I fully support this bill. When a person cannot breathe nothing else matters. Moments matter. To save lives we need this medication readily available to reverse the airway constriction that causes the dramatic lack of ability to breathe. Albuterol is the main stream medicine to reverse this constriction and alleviate the reduced ability to get air into the person's lungs. This lifesaving treatment needs to be readily available. I ask for your support of this bill. Respectfully.