

SAMPLE LETTER

**Representative (name of person)
Health and Public Advocacy Committee
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court St NE
Salem OR 97301**

Dear Representative (name of committee member)

I am writing in support of HB 2268, which would raise the fee cap charged for newborn screening tests. If passed, this bill would allow the State Public Health Laboratory to expand the number of disorders screened for in newborns from the current 6 to around 25.

{Our family has benefited from this Program, in that our son/daughter's disorder was one of the 6 included in the current screening battery and (name of child) was identified with (disorder) in the first few days of life. We are so grateful that (name of child) is mentally and physically normal. Explain here that your child is being treated, going to normal school, working, married etc, and is leading a normal life } or

{Our family did not have the benefit of early screening and diagnosis and our son/daughter, (name of child) has suffered death, metabolic crises, or late diagnosis, which has left him/her with disabilities, repeated illnesses, learning problems etc. Explain here what kinds of problems you and your child faces both now and in the future or if your child died how that has impacted your family. We understand that early diagnosis may have prevented these devastating problems.} Feel free to expand these sentences to tell your families story, but try and keep it short.

We urge your favorable consideration of HB 2268, which carries the promise of a healthy life for many more Oregon infants and their families who suffer from these devastating diseases.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Address