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Honorable Chairwoman Noble  
NH House Education Policy and Administration Committee  
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 433

Dear Honorable Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 433. For the record my name is Krysten Evans, and I am the Director of Policy for ABLE NH, a statewide disability justice organization that works to protect and expand the civil and human rights of people with disabilities across New Hampshire.

This bill answers a simple question. When a child has a known medical condition that can become life threatening in seconds, will the adults around them be ready.

Right now, that answer is inconsistent, and inconsistency in a medical emergency is dangerous.

Seizures are not rare events confined to a nurse's office. They happen in classrooms, on playgrounds, on buses, in crowded hallways. They happen without warning. In those first moments, response time and knowledge determine outcomes. Not intent. Not goodwill. Competence.

SB 433 establishes that competence as a baseline, not an exception. Training at least two staff members is not a burden. It is a minimal safeguard. It creates redundancy. It ensures that a child's safety is not dependent on a single person being present at exactly the right moment.

The requirement for individualized seizure action plans is equally essential. No two students are the same. Different seizure types. Different triggers. Different medications. Different interventions. This bill replaces guesswork with clarity. It ensures that when a seizure occurs, staff are not improvising. They are following a plan that was designed for that specific child.

There is also a clear access issue here. Students with disabilities have a legal and moral right to be in school safely. When a school cannot respond to a known medical need, that student's access is conditional. Families know this. They calculate risk every day. Some keep phones on at all times. Some limit

participation. Some remove their children entirely. That is not equal access. That is a system that shifts responsibility onto families instead of meeting its obligation.

SB 433 corrects that.

It also addresses a barrier that staff themselves often name. Fear of doing the wrong thing. The bill provides training, structure, and liability protection for those acting in compliance with the law. That combination matters. It gives staff both the tools and the confidence to act immediately.

The cost argument does not hold under scrutiny. Training is brief and infrequent. The alternative is emergency response, hospitalization, or irreversible harm. Schools already manage far more complex operational requirements. This is targeted, defined, and achievable.

At its core, this bill is about predictability in moments where everything else is unpredictable. It ensures that when a seizure happens, the response is not dependent on luck.

Preparedness should not be optional when the risk is known and the solution is clear.

SB 433 is a measured, necessary step that aligns policy with basic duty of care.

I urge you to support it.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krysten M. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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