

Thank you, Chairman Weisz and the Technical Corrections Committee, for allowing me to share my family's very personal story. I am sharing our story in support of HB1514. My father, James Slow, 64 years old, had covid in October 2021. 9 Days into symptoms, our family decided to bring him to the local ER as his oxygen was dipping lower than we were comfortable with, and he was dehydrated. Five hours after he arrived at the ER, a new dr came on shift. My dad and our family asked that he be given Ivermectin. The Dr said he would be okay giving it to him, but the hospital protocols did not allow him to prescribe it.

Since the hospital refused to allow the staff to administer Ivermectin to my dad, He and our family decided to bring him home to recover and treat him with what the hospital wouldn't. We were fortunate to find doctors outside of North Dakota who would prescribe Ivermectin along with other medications to help my dad begin to heal. For seven days, we took care of our dad and watched him improve. Unfortunately, seven days into his recovery, he had a heart attack and passed away.

I realize, Chairman, Committee members, that you can read/listen to my dad's story and go straight to the conclusion that what did it matter if, in the end, he passed away. Please understand that every one of my siblings who cared for him would testify that he was on the mend; he was getting better. In reality, though, that doesn't even matter. This needs to be the takeaway from our story. A doctor was not allowed to prescribe a specific medicine because the hospital decided it wasn't part of the protocol. We, in turn, had to take him home and search to find doctors to prescribe it. Our family should never have faced this. Our dad should have had the right to try a medicine for off-label use, which is why we support HB1514.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janelle Anderson
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