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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 782, H.D. 1
RELATING TO CYTOMEGALOVIRUS**

SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 18, 2015

Room Number: 414

Fiscal Implications: H.B.782, H.D.1 provides an unspecified appropriation in general funds to the Department of Health (DOH) for fiscal year 2016-2017 to implement this public awareness program on Cytomegalovirus (CMV) to educate and inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant. The DOH will need one full-time coordinator position to convene the working group of various stakeholders to participate in the development of a public awareness program to inform and educate pregnant women and women who may become pregnant about CMV; and to submit a report that includes recommendations for developing, implementing, and funding the public awareness program to educate and inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant. The DOH is not able to conduct this program within existing resources. The recommendations in the report would determine the appropriation then needed to implement the CMV public awareness recommendations.

Department Testimony: The Department appreciates the intent of this bill, but defers to the Governor's Executive Budget request and the Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that about 50%-80% of adults in the US are infected with CMV by the time they are 40 years old. The virus is generally passed from infected people to others through direct contact with bodily fluids such as urine and saliva. For pregnant women, the two most common exposures to CMV are through sexual contact and through contact with the urine and saliva of young children with CMV infection. Most healthy children and adults infected with CMV have no symptoms. About 1 to 2 babies out of 1000 births may have permanent CMV-related problems.

1 A woman getting infected with CMV while pregnant increases the chance of having an infant with
2 congenital CMV. However, since the virus is so pervasive in the environment, it would be very
3 difficult to prevent infection with an educational process.

4 The recommendations on the National Institutes of Health website on congenital CMV
5 <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001343.htm>:

6 “Cytomegalovirus is almost everywhere in the environment. CDC recommends the following steps to
7 reduce the spread of CMV:

- 8 • Wash hands with soap and water after touching diapers or saliva.
- 9 • Avoid kissing children under the age of 6 on the mouth or cheek.
- 10 • Do not share food, drinks, or eating utensils with young children.”

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: [Nicole Spalding](#)
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Subject: Please Pass Bill HB-782
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:56:53 PM

Please Pass bill HB-782 for all the mothers and children.

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Aloha,

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Thanks for your time.
Fabiola Gosselin

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Ronald Ribucan

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Thank you,

Kaylen Mahuka

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I support kulia's bill

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I am asking that you please consider and pass HB 782

Mahalo for your time,
Loren Mitchell
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Aloha,
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Mahalo, Kathy Lani

Matthew 7:12 "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

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Thank you,
Jessica Mathias

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Thank you,
Honora Kalama

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From: [Abigail Wright](#)
To: [HTHTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony to Support HB 782 - 3/18/15 1:30 pm HTH Committee Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 10:55:49 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Abigail Wright and I live in Sandy, Utah. I'm writing to ask you to support House Bill 782 - Concerning cytomegalovirus or CMV.

More children are disabled at birth from cytomegalovirus than from other very well-known conditions like spina bifida, Downs syndrome, and fetal alcohol syndrome, but most women have never heard of it. My son is profoundly deaf because of CMV and because pregnant women are not informed about CMV. Please help prevent disabilities and identify children as early as possible for early intervention by supporting House Bill 782.

Sincerely,

Abigail Wright
CMV Mom
Vice President of Utah CMV Council

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Abigail Wright
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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Sara Menlove Doutre and I am pleased to submit testimony in support of HB 782, RELATING TO THE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV).

My background is in special education (I have a Bachelors degree in special education and a Masters degree in education policy studies). I had my first child at age 30 and considered myself well-versed in disability related matters. **I never learned about CMV.**

I was very proactive during my pregnancy. I took the recommended amounts of folic acid to prevent spina bifida. I participated in the recommended screenings for other markers of birth defects. We read every pamphlet provided by the doctors office. We researched pregnancy and precautions I could take to ensure optimal development of our child. **But, we were never warned about CMV.**

In July 2010, we found out we were expecting our second baby. Because of complications in our first pregnancy, we sought out a specialist in high-risk pregnancies at a maternal fetal diagnostic center.

Our daughter was born with minor symptoms of CMV, but they were not recognized as such. She had a head ultra sound and an MRI that were non-conclusive. Pediatricians told me that it was likely I had gotten sick during my pregnancy and that it may have caused a “hiccup” in her development, but that there was nothing to worry about.

Daisy also had a newborn hearing screening, which she failed, and follow up tests. The results did show some mild loss, but the audiologist said that it may have been because she woke up during the ABR and that we didn’t need to worry about it. **No one mentioned CMV.**

We came home with a “healthy baby.” **We didn’t know she had CMV.**

Finally at 16 months, because Daisy was losing her hearing, a doctor asked if he could test for CMV. CMV was working on Daisy for 16 months before we even knew what it was. There were signs it was working on her at her birth. We could have known sooner.

Once we knew, we had options. No one forced us to seek treatment or services, but having knowledge and information empowered us to ask for what was best for our daughter. The diagnosis of congenital CMV was a catalyst for us to pursue intensive **early intervention services.**

Despite the interventions we chose, Daisy continued to lose her hearing. She is deaf and has bilateral cochlear implants. She has some sensory impairments and will deal with CMV for her whole life.

Women who are pregnant or might become pregnant should know about CMV. Health care professionals and others who care for children should know about CMV.

This bill will ensure that happens.

In March 2013, the Utah Governor signed into law a similar bill. Two years later, significant progress has been made. Materials have been developed, training has been provided, and, most importantly, **many more people are aware of CMV.** I’m attaching a sample of the materials developed by the Utah Department of Health to implement the similar law. More information can be found at: <http://www.health.utah.gov/cshcn/CHSS/CMV.html>

Effective implementation in Utah has been a team approach. The Utah Department of Health, Division for Children with Special Health Care Needs, has included local CMV researchers, physicians, parents, and other professionals on a team to develop effective materials. Utah is willing to assist Hawaii in implementing this bill as well.

Thank you,
Sara Menlove Doutre
Parent
Education Policy Consultant
Doutre Consulting, LLC

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Thank you,



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Aloha

Please pass Bill HB 782

Mahalo
India Maile Cote

From: [Jasmine Turley](#)
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Thank you
Jasmine Turley

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March 17, 2015

Testifier: Dr. Ricardo C. Custodio; Pediatrician
Committee: Committee On Health
Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 1:30pm
Measure #: HB 782, HD1 - RELATING TO THE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 782, HD1 (HSCR717)

Aloha Senator Josh Green and the Committee on Health,

As a pediatrician who has practiced in Hawaii for over 30 years, I support HB 782, HD1 (HSCR717). I have seen the relief on a parent's face when their concerns about their newborn are addressed. I have also seen their fear and sadness when they are told that their baby is not normal. An infant infected with Cytomegalovirus (CMV) can cause such a reaction.

Congenital CMV can cause permanent problems such as: neurological deficits, developmental delays, blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, autism and seizures. Only one in five pregnant women know this. According to the CDC, about 1-2 out of every 1000 newborns will have permanent problems due to CMV (1 every hour in the U.S.). Given that the total number of live births in Hawaii is about 18,000 annually. Between 18-36 infants per year will be born with permanent problems due to Congenital CMV.

There is a way to diagnose CMV and there is a way to treat CMV. However, these tools are useless as long as pregnant women and health care providers remain uneducated about CMV. The consequences of not sharing this information are obvious, 36 permanently disabled babies born in Hawaii every year. The high financial costs are also obvious, they include chronic health care costs, special education costs and human potential costs.

I urge you to pass HB 782. Education and screening are the strongest forms of prevention.

Acta Non Verba,

Ricardo C. Custodio, M.D., M.P.H.

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Please pass HB 782, Kulia's Bill. Kulia is my cousin and I would hope no other cousins have to go through the heart ache that I feel for my little cousin. Can't imagine the heart break of my cousin Krystyn, Kulia's mother. Lord bless them all. Please help put a stop to this problem. Thank you. Semper Fi, Brian P Sandona

From: [ajamatsuo](#)
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Subject: HB782
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:56:20 PM

Hi, I am a Maui mother of 3! I have a 6 year old and 3 year old twins! I strongly feel that HB 782 kulia's bill should be passed! Imagine if that was your child that had cmv and you didnt even know, wouldn't you want to know so you can immediately start helping your child! Think about our keiki, they are, our future! MAHALO!!

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Mahalo,

Rosie Joe Herrnberger, MBA

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Mahalo,

Diana Hada

March 16, 2015

Lisa A. Kahuhu
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Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
Senate Committee on Health

(Via online testimony submittal)

RE: HB782 HD1 Relating to Cytomegalovirus

Aloha Honorable Chair Green and Vice Chair Wakai and Members:

My name is Lisa Kahuhu and I am contacting you today in regards to HB782 HD1 “Kulia's Bill”, relating to cytomegalovirus (“CMV”). I am 100% in support of this bill. This bill is crucial in educating pregnant women and the community about the dangers and risks of CMV, and necessary precautions to take. Additionally, as originally drafted, the bill ensured proper testing.

We are thankful that the bill has made it this far, however, it was disheartening that the provision with regard to proper testing by physicians was removed. I respectfully ask that it be put back in, in its original form below, or in a revised form as determined by your committee:

“(c) The responsible physician of any newborn infant identified as, or suspected of, having a hearing impairment pursuant to a screening conducted in compliance with section 321-362.5, shall:

(1) Ensure that the newborn infant is tested for the cytomegalovirus before the newborn is twenty-one days of age, unless a parent of the newborn infant objects; and

(2) Provide to the parents of the newborn infant information regarding:

(A) Birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus;

(B) The testing requirements for the cytomegalovirus; and

(C) Available methods of treating the cytomegalovirus.

(d) The department of health may establish rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement the purposes of this section.”

In Kulia's case, her mother Krystyn, was tested and determined to be positive for the CMV virus during pregnancy. Still, when Kulia was born, and even after 3 failed hearing tests, the doctor's still believed it was not necessary to test her because she looked healthy and normal. Testing should have been required even without a hearing test because Krystyn was positive for CMV when she was pregnant. No matter how healthy Kulia looked, she should have had a urine test. A simple, non-expensive, urine test within Kulia's first 21 days of life, may have changed her life completely. Now, Kulia's life-long medical expenses and other necessary life expenses, which may at some point fall partially on the state as a disabled adult, will run in the millions.

Doctors and laws failed Kulia. Kulia and her mommy are now trying to change that for the benefit of not only our keiki, but all of us. The fight against CMV is now a national and international movement. Let's show the world the common sense that State of Hawaii law makers have. First and foremost, saving babies lives! Secondly, saving the state billions of dollars in health care expenses of children needlessly disabled by this virus.

Please don't let Kulia's story be your family's story. We ask that you please amend and pass the measure, and move it forward!

Mahalo,
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Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:19:27 PM

PLEASE PASS HB 782!

Thank you,
Tracy Elliott

From: [Mona Corpuz](#)
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Subject: HB 782
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Aloha,

Kulia is very dear to our family and we have seen her be extremely strong throughout this process. We love her and support her family and HER!!

Please pass HB 782

Thank you
Mona Corpuz

From: [Trisha Dinson](#)
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Thank You,
Trisha Dinson

From: [Heather Gilroy](#)
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Hi my name is Heather Gilroy and I am requesting that you pass HB 782 for the keiki of Hawaii. I live on Maui,
Thank you.

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Thank u

christina gass

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Subject: In support of HB782-Kulia's Bill
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:46:49 PM

I hereby support of HB782 - Kulia's Bill. I ask for your support to have her help change the lives of every child and family that might suffer from the Cytomegalovirus for the rest of Hawaii's history. Please pass HB782-Kulia's Bill today.

Please help us in this fight against CMV and help us to bring awareness to pregnant mothers, new borns and Ohana throughout Hawai'i. Together we can make a difference.

Mahalo

Holly

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Thank you,
Krystell Carcamo

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HB782

Submitted on: 3/16/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacelyn Kane-Simpson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Senators, We are excited that HB782 has crossed over from the House to the Senate. I humbly ask you all for your support today in passing HB-782 and humbly ask for your consideration to have it renamed to Kulia's Bill. While this is so exciting, our everyday life struggles with the fight against CMV continues. My sister Krystyn juggles her everyday routine around to be ready to fly out on a whim's notice to be present to provide personal testimony and to personally walk around, Kulia sleeping in her stroller or strapped in her carrier, to meet everyone at the Capitol that they can. She happily does this knowing that Kulia's life, her fight, and her Bill will save babies, families, and futures. I humbly ask you all today for your continued support of HB782 - Kulia's Bill. I ask for your support to have her help change the lives of every child and family that might suffer from the Cytomegalovirus for the rest of Hawaii's history. Please support HB782-Kulia's Bill and have it passed today in Senate. Please help us in this fight against CMV and help us to bring awareness to pregnant mothers, new borns and Ohana throughout Hawai'i. Together we can make a difference. Thank you very much for taking the time and consideration and continued support of my niece Kulia and her Bill HB782. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-419-1221. We look forward to providing personal testimony at the hearing before the Senate.

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Please pass bill HB 782.

Thank you,
Kendra Otake

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Subject: Pass HB 782
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Please please PASS HB 782 (kulia's bill).

Thank you

Rochel

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Testimony
Proposed House Bill # 782, HD1
Sunday March 15, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health of the state of Hawaii,
Senator Gosh Green, Chair; Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair:

I am Ann Blalock, a concerned citizen, and am in support of **H.B. 782, HD1**

My friend, Farah Armstrong, lost her second child, Madeline Leigh Armstrong, just over a year ago to the devastating effects of CMV, a virus she didn't even know existed before Maddie was born. Maddie was only twelve days old when she died. Since shortly after her death, it has been my great privilege to work with Farah and her mother, Becky Ghazi, in developing *Maddie's Mission* (www.maddiesmission.org), a grass-roots organization designed to promote congenital CMV awareness and prevention. We have learned much in this endeavor, most importantly that there is a critical need for policy mandating education for pregnant women to minimize the incidence and severity of congenital CMV disease.

After Maddie was diagnosed, it only took a few minutes on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov/cmvm) to learn that as the mother of a toddler enrolled in childcare, Farah was at high risk for contracting CMV during her pregnancy. The CDC Feature on CMV (www.cdc.gov/features/cytomegalovirus/) states that "toddlers often get CMV infections at preschool." Provided these children are otherwise healthy, they generally suffer no ill effects from the infection. They may have no symptoms at all, but they shed large amounts of virus in their saliva and urine for an extended period of time. When a child who is shedding CMV is part of a family, the infection rate for parents is about 20%. This is a 10 fold increase over the general adult population where the infection rate is about 2% per year! Had she known this from the beginning, Farah would also have learned that by careful practice of simple hygiene precautions designed to minimize contact with her child's urine and saliva, she could have greatly reduced her risk of contracting the virus while pregnant. Sadly, she did not know any of this in time to possibly make a difference for Maddie.

Most people contract CMV at some point during their lives and may experience no symptoms, never know they have been infected, and are unharmed by the virus. But, for the unborn, CMV can be devastating. It can cause profound hearing loss, vision loss, mental impairment, seizures, cerebral palsy, liver disease and feeding problems. Some infants, like Maddie, do not survive the infection.

CMV was actually identified as a cause of neonatal disease as early as 1956 and still today only about 20% of women have even heard of it. One of the most devastating aspects of this for all CMV families (thousands each year across the U.S.) is that the prevention information is out there, but most parents only learn of it **after** they have an affected child. Many of these families might have avoided congenital CMV altogether had they been informed about CMV and the precautions available to minimize the risk of infection **before** their unborn children contracted CMV. While there is no pharmaceutical vaccine against CMV, studies have shown that pregnant women who are made aware of the risks and are educated about prevention measures can greatly reduce their incidence of infection. In this age of information, no one should be blindsided by congenital CMV!

While *Maddie's Mission* will continue to work to raise awareness and educate about prevention, the job is much bigger than we are.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Blalock

Katy, TX

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Subject: SUPPORT HB 782 – Cytomegalovirus Initiative (Kulia's Bill)

I am Lisa Saunders, parent representative for Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Foundation, and am **in support of HB 782 – Relating to the Cytomegalovirus.**

I was the mother of Elizabeth born severely disabled by congenital cytomegalovirus (or CMV) on December 18, 1989. My OB/GYNs didn't tell me how to prevent congenital CMV until after Elizabeth was born. Then I received literature stating women who work in daycare, or have a young child in daycare, are at a higher risk for catching CMV it as toddlers are the majority of carriers. While I was pregnant with Elizabeth, I had a toddler plus ran a licensed daycare center. Nowhere in the licensing literature was there a CMV prevention message. In milder cases, children may lose hearing or struggle with learning. But Elizabeth's case was not a mild one. During Elizabeth's 16 years of life, she was unable to roll over, hold up her head, sit up, walk or feed herself. She wore diapers, was visually and hearing impaired, and suffered from frequent bouts of pneumonia and ever worsening seizures.

Women of child-bearing age are still not routinely advised on CMV's prevalence and how to avoid it. Women know not to change the cat box when pregnant to avoid toxoplasmosis, which causes fewer birth defects than congenital CMV, but they still don't know not to kiss their toddlers around the mouth or share food with them.

Since 2013, the State of Utah requires its health department to educate the public about congenital CMV. Other states, such as Texas and Connecticut, are currently working to pass a similar bill.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, congenital CMV infection causes more long-term problems and childhood deaths than Down syndrome.

- Congenital CMV causes one child to become disabled every hour.
- About 1 in 150 children is born with congenital CMV infection (approximately 30,000).
- About 1 in 750 children in the United States is born with or develops permanent disabilities from the disease.

In the article, "*Washing our hands of the congenital cytomegalovirus disease epidemic*," it states: "*The virtual absence of a prevention message has been due, in part, to the low profile of congenital CMV. Infection is usually asymptomatic in both mother and infant, and when symptoms do occur, they are non-specific, so most CMV infections go undiagnosed.*"

The cost of caring for one child disabled by congenital CMV is conservatively estimated at \$200,000 annually. More than 5,000 babies are born disabled by congenital CMV in the United States each year.

Please help stop the suffering my daughter Elizabeth endured until her death during a seizure at age 16 on February 9, 2006.

Sincerely,

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Ashley McCormick	Individual	Support	No

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Rosie Joe Herrnberger	Individual	Support	No

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Samantha King	Individual	Support	No

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christina iokia	Individual	Support	No

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lyndsey kahuhu	Individual	Support	No

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emerziana@gmail.com	Individual	Support	No

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Malia Abarra	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Hirahara	Individual	Support	No

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marshall loope	Individual	Support	No

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christine mae	Individual	Support	No

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Aulani Delatori	Individual	Support	No

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Natasha Thorell	Individual	Support	No

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gregg rowe	Individual	Support	No

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brandy agurrie	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Garvin	Individual	Support	No

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Kendra Otake	Individual	Support	No

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Alyssa-Leigh Villon	Individual	Support	No

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