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Subject: Are you a supporter/co-sponsor to "Lulu's Law"? If "No" why not?

Lulu was a beautiful, smart and happy 4 year old little girl who was looking forward to leaning to snow ski like her big brother Jimmy. Her enthusiasm for the sport of skiing was supported by her success in her first ski lesson. However before she could fulfill her dream she died with no immediate explanation.

Subsequently Lulu's cause of death was determined to be a sepsis, a poorly diagnosed but highly fatal infection that at least 1.7 million adults in the U.S. develop and nearly 270,000 die from. Had Lulu's sepsis been detected early she might have survived and be enjoying skiing on the slopes today.

Early detection of sepsis is critical. A delay in antibiotic treatment has been documented to result in increased mortality, with a 7.6% increase in death for patients with severe sepsis and septic shock every hour antibiotic administration is delayed.

Representative Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11), Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA), introduced the Sepsis Data Trust, Outcomes, and Innovation Act or "Lulu's Law." This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would establish a voluntary system to compile data related to strains of bacteria that cause sepsis, the body's response to the infection, and genetic factors that contribute to having sepsis. This law could lead to improving prevention, treatment, survival and patient care. Had this law been in effect Lulu and thousands of other Americans who died from Sepsis might have survived.

With all of the criticism of Congress and the inability of elected officials to get together to support needed legislation, Lulu's Law provides Senators and Congressmen with the opportunity to work together to get a law passed that is non-partisan, has no political agenda, that will benefit so many people like Lulu. It is a law all members of Congress can look at with pride and be proud of.

There is no reason not to support "Lulu's Law"! The only obstacle is ignorance of the horrible consequences of not being aware of this killer and not taking action to fight the scourge of Sepsis. Becoming aware and taking action can lead to quick diagnose and the development of life saving treatments that can come from the passage of Lulu's Law.

With this notification, Congress can no longer claim ignorance of the horrors of Sepsis. Failure to act now to pass "Lulu's Law" will be seen as another failure of Congress to pass non-partisan, non-political legislation of great value to so many Americans. Those in Congress who ignore the

need for this legislation and fail to support its passage will carry the burden of each Sepsis death until "Lulu's Law" is passed and signed into law.

Step up, get behind this important legislation, encourage your colleagues to get informed of its importance and kick off 2023 with the passage of a law that will cause Americans to see that Congress can act together to eliminate Sepsis.

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