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To Whom It May Concern:

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is the number one cause of death in American. In rural Indiana counties, CVD deaths account for 30% to 45% of all deaths.

For the last five years Mr. Walker, my constituent, has been working on a way to bring the CVD death rates down in rural counties. The last two years I have sponsored legislation in support of his efforts. This legislation passed the Indiana House and Senate and has been signed by Governor Daniels. It will become Indiana law in July 2012 via Indiana House Bill 1040 "Liability Relief for Fast Responders."

In rural Indiana, an ambulance can take twenty minutes to respond to a 9-1-1 call. Every minute delay means a 10% less chance of survival for a CVD victim. Twenty minutes is 200% dead! Mr. Walker's plan is to organize, train, and integrate "Fast Responders" into the 911/EMS process, so a neighbor can respond with an AED and basic first aid equipment in minutes. Large cities, such as, Seattle and San Diego and airports, such as, O'Hare and Harts field all have AED programs that have saved 30% to 70% of those CVD 911 calls. The process is proven. The technology for dispatch and care are all there. **LIVING IN A RURAL COUNTY DOES NOT NEED TO BE A DEATH SENTENCE.**

Please help Mr. Walker's request to expedite his 501(c)(3) filing as getting the 501(c)(3) is a critical step in the process of setting up this solution to CVD in rural America. A 501(c)(3) filing will lay the ground work for grants and getting the first program of this nature off the ground.

Having worked with Mr. Walker these past few years (three sessions), I can attest to his commitment to this program and his passion

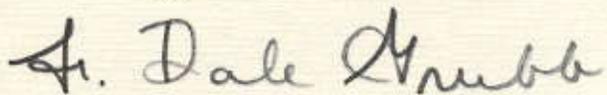
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for the people of Indiana. Mr. Walker has testified for both House and Senate, and our bill has never received a single negative vote. Because of this total bi-partisan backing of the Indiana House and Senate, I can say all Hoosiers are looking forward to far fewer deaths from CVD.

Perhaps the program will be a beacon of light for the nation! Your help in moving it forward is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Dale Grubb". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

F. Dale Grubb
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