

Hello Everyone,

My name is Sharon McGlynn. I had hearing parents. I lost my hearing when I was two.

I felt so lost and alone..No one talked to me.

In 1944, on my first day of school, I had no knowledge of alphabet and numbers.

One of my classmates, he had two older sisters, so he already knew alphabet and numbers,

was able to communicate with teacher. He looked so happy and excited. Then I knew I would

had a very long journey, learning how to communicate first before I could get a real education.

My point is... in my lifetime from 1939 to present time-- 77 years.. that there has been no

actions to enable deaf children to have the same learning abilities that other children as

babies and toddlers have in learning language skills.

Please support SB 444, so deaf and hard of hearing child won't have to go through the

"nightmares" that i experienced as a young child.

Thank you,

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