



SB – 465 – Proponent Testimony of Kiersten Adkins, M.A, LPC, NCC,
Pathway To Hope , March 8th, 2016

Chairman O'Donnell and honorable members of the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee, in support of SB - 465 the legislation expanding the availability of certain types of pharmaceuticals to treat binge eating disorder.

My name is Kiersten Adkins and I'm the Executive Director of Pathway to Hope. We exist as an education and advocacy organization that provides support to families dealing with mental illness. The need for mental health treatments are still vastly limited, causing a great deal of distress to individuals and families grappling with these issues. When we heard about the need for legislation to be passed so doctors would be able to better treat Binge Eating Disorder among adults, we gladly supported the initiative. We very much support the passage of HB 2455 / SB 465.

We are asking you to also support HB 2455 / SB 465 and ensure that the bill progress to the full Senate for a vote. Again, thank you for your time in considering this issue. We strongly request the bill be are sent through your committee and that you offer your full support to it when it comes up for a vote in the Senate. It's the very least we can do help those who are suffering with these issues in our State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kiersten Adkins", is located below the main text.

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