

January 31st, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Stormont Vail Health is in support of House Bill 2077, “relating to immunity from liability for certain persons performing inspection, installation or adjustment of a child safety seat or providing education regarding installation or adjustment of a child safety seat.”

As a trauma center, Stormont Vail Health strives to provide the utmost care to injured patients. We treat victims of motor vehicle crashes every day, and have seen the devastating effects that can occur when children are improperly restrained. Unfortunately, there are times we don’t get the opportunity to care for these patients because they die at the scene.

Our mission at Stormont Vail Health is “Working together to improve the health of our community.” In trauma care, we focus not only on providing optimal care of the injured patient, but are dedicated to preventing injuries as well. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians have the education and skills to help ensure the children in our communities are traveling as safely as possible. With the passing of this legislation, Stormont Vail Health intends to develop a Child Passenger Safety program to provide this needed resource to the families we serve.

It is for these reasons that we fully support this legislation as written. We respectfully request that committee members support HB 2077. Thank you for your consideration.

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