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Agency: UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE UIL

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: In support of ECG Testing

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:
Dear members of the Commission:

After watching a replay, on the internet, of the hearing held by your commission on June 25, 2014; it was obvious that the testimony of Dr. Fenrich contained many misrepresentations.

One wonders why Dr. Fenrich was the spokesman for the opposition to Mr.

Stephens's proposal to require by law requiring a physical exam, which includes an ECG for all athletes in the Texas UIL system.

One wonders why Dr. Fenrich is so opposed to such an exam, as this non- invasive procedure could "do no harm".

Is it because there is a monetary component as a motivation for his testimony? Is he paid collect those data (studies)—studies in which a problem becomes studied to death, and never reaches a conclusion? He states that there are not enough Drs. qualified in this field to read the ECG Exams on the athletes, yet he says that if athletes are screened, then all students should be screened. This is obfuscation pure and simple. Where are all the qualified Drs. that, according to Dr. Fenrich suggests will be required to read the additional numbers of exams as he suggests?

In the first place, why should a pediatric cardioelectrophysiologist be involved in this discussion? Any properly trained cardiologist is eminently qualified to read these exams. Also, why do you need a Pediatric cardiologist? These kids are all past puberty, and do not require a pediatric cardiologist.

As I understand, there are a number of hospitals have agreed to do these exams, including Herman-Memorial Hospital in Houston, for \$15 each. These institutions would not be involved if the ICU exam was of no value as Dr. Fenrich suggests. The fact that a dozen or so lives have been saved through the use of the ECG Exam is factual

evidence that the exam is relevant and important. There is no way to know how many lives could have been saved had this non-invasive procedure been a requirement, by law, for all student athletes. Mr. Stephens has no ulterior motive other than to make sure that his son's death wasn't in vain. I know him, and I'm convinced, ultimately, his efforts will not be denied.

I would suggest, that you pass a requirement for all school districts in the State of Texas be required, by law, to provide mandatory ECG examinations for all student athletes.

Respectfully submitted

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree