

Good morning. We are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and we live in Hummelstown. Our family is here today to ask you to improve the lives of children and families suffering with milk allergies by supporting House Bill 49 & 1436.

[REDACTED] was born on June 23, 2013. We were overjoyed to welcome our baby boy into our home. Our joy quickly turned to fear. [REDACTED] skin started to change. We took him to doctor upon doctor, one nutritionist after the next, hospital after hospital, trying to find someone who could tell us what was wrong. We cycled through five, six formulas. Sometimes he showed small improvements. More often he grew worse.

Large, red patches – painful patches – covered our little [REDACTED] body. Finally (finally!), when he was four months old our pediatrician recommended Neocate. The rash cleared immediately. The pain was gone. But our worries weren't.

We paid for neocate out of pocket because we knew insurance companies wouldn't cover it or that it would be difficult to access coverage. [REDACTED] cried when we fed him, the taste was so bad. But we had no choice. Our baby was finally stable. This formula was our only option. We tried other formulas. Some were tolerable. Others weren't. We decided to use a formula that does not have a prescription because of the cheaper cost, yet [REDACTED] still suffers with skin issues.

Just imagine for a moment that your child is sick. As a parent, you would do anything, anything to see him smile. Laugh. One thing made [REDACTED] smile. Neocate.

Neocate is many parents only option to bring a smile to their child's face. Help stop the suffering – support House Bill 49 & 1436.