

Hello Mr. Schmitt,

I am writing as one of your constituents. I live in Webster Groves with my husband and 2 sons. I have been following your service as state senator, and really appreciate what you are doing!

My youngest son, Luke, has a very rare chromosome disorder called Pallister Killian Syndrome. PKS causes global delays/disabilities: vision and hearing impairments, physical impairments, cognitive disabilities and many medical problems often including seizures and structural abnormalities. All that said, my Luke (5 years old) is a total joy and delight. He will never be independent, but his giggles and cuddles always make my day.

Recently a fellow PKS Kids board member and mother of a child with Pallister Killian Syndrome in the state of Michigan worked with her state House Representative to pass a proclamation declaring December 4th "PKS Day" in MI. I am wondering if you may be able to help me achieve this in the state of Missouri as well? {PKS is a tetrasomy 12p which is where the idea of December (12 month) 4th (4 copies of the short arm on the 12th chromosome) came to be.}

I look forward to you reply.

Thanks so much.

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