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From: Mrs Flessas

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To: Committee, Health (REPS)

Subject: Submission Anaphylaxis

My name is Joanne Hagiliassis and I am the parent of a child who has lived with life-threatening food allergies, anaphylaxis.

I have been very involved in advocacy work for families for the past 5 years as the director of the charitable organisation, Anaphylaxis Network Australia.

As a mother, I have had witnessed my child experience near fatal reactions close to 8 times in his short ten years of life. I have had to administer his life saving medication and on more than one occasion I have had to save his life. I have a very deep and real understanding about the numerous challenges Australian families face living with Anaphylaxis.

I have used my own money to create a charity to help support families. In particular, I have recently delivered support sessions helping those manage the trauma following an anaphylactic reaction. I have recently received some funding to further my work.

I would love to share my experiences and understanding to help the committee.

Regards,

Joanne Hagiliassis

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