

PETITION (SA)

To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled

The Petition of the undersigned residents of South Australia draws to the attention of the House the infant mortality of Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID). SCID is a life-threatening condition that without early diagnosis and treatment results in death within the first few months of life. Inclusion in the Newborn Screening test would enable early detection, diagnosis and lifesaving treatment for these babies.

The undersigned petitioners therefore request that this House introduce the inclusion of screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) into the existing Newborn Screening (Guthrie test) to reduce preventable infant mortality. This is already standard practice in New Zealand, Canada, most US states and other OECD countries.

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