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I am now 60 yrs old. my children are 33 and 38. I wish to address this bill from a mature perspective. This line must be added to the bill: Provides that definition of "abuse" does not include refusal to vaccinate child or decision to delay vaccination of child.

Every parent ought to have the right to choose the schedule to vaccinate and whether they will or won't vaccinate.

When my first child was born I was on welfare & WIC. I was told I had to have her immunized. I took her for her first MMR. She had a horrible reaction. Her leg swelled up like a sausage. It was hot to the touch and very sore. I was panicked. She had a fever and was ill for many days. I was told by the doctor that this could be a reaction to the immunization. We were extremely fortunate that her reaction was not worse

After that I did some studying and opted for her not to have the additional vaccination. I was horrified to read about children that died and to learn that other industrialized countries did not use the same vaccines nor schedule.

I lost my WIC due to this choice. She was vaccinated for polio.

Because I was on welfare, single and young if there was a bill calling it abuse she could have been taken away from me by Adult and Family services. I was solely on Welfare due to circumstances. I, subsequently went off welfare, worked, married and had another child. He was only immunized for tetanus. This was because after a great deal of study and the experience I had with my daughter I decided we wouldn't vaccinate. I am an educated, contributing member of society.

I find this push for the state to step in and mandate what is correct for any family to be frightening. It goes against the Constitution. Medical freedom is key. Additionally, social workers make mistakes; we are short in our state for foster parents. The idea of what a family would go through if this was enacted is extremely disturbing, especially if they didn't have the funds for an attorney.

respectfully,
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