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Thank you for hearing this bill. Unfortunately, I cannot make it to the capitol tomorrow for the hearing, but I wanted to write in to tell you that I wholeheartedly support this bill. It is so important for parents like me. My husband and I are good parents, we love our children, we take care of them and we take the decision whether or not to vaccinate, which ones, if any, very seriously. We have spent hundreds of hours, over the years, researching it. We didn't start out that way. When our first child was born, we relied wholly on our pediatricians advice and our first two children were vaccinated according to her recommendations. We didn't know anything. But we noticed our children's health continuing to decline, which caused us to begin to question. I began my research in a desperate attempt to help my children regain their health and stumbled onto the vaccine controversy. It didn't take long researching possible side effects of vaccines on the CDC's own website to confirm that my children's health and behavioral problems were most likely connected to their vaccines. After hundreds of hours researching this subject, and younger siblings to compare health outcomes to, now I am most certain of it. Good parents, who love their children and make educated decisions, weighing the risks and benefits should not be made out to be criminals or crazy or uneducated. We should not have to fear taking our kids to urgent care or an emergency room when they are in need of medical care because we might run into an overzealous doctor or nurse who might report us to CPS for abuse or neglect because we made a choice that they disagree with. We should not have to fear having our children removed from our care and going through long, expensive court proceedings to get custody of our children back when there has been no proof of neglect or harm. I don't think most doctors or nurses would do this, and I don't like to characterize them generally as zealots for a cause, but there have been instances where things like this have happened and it causes parents like me to worry about those inevitable trips when a child gets sick or hurt beyond our ability to care for them. The possibility that this time we will get that doctor or nurse terrifies us. Please, please, please pass this bill and put this protection into place for parents like me, who are just doing their best for their kids. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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