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Dear Senator Gelser and members of the Senate Committee On Human Services;

My name is Sara Gobet and I am a mother of 3, and constituent of District 17.

I had written my testimony in support of SB687, but decided I would rather share something that happened to me a few nights ago.

At 1am my 15month old woke up screaming, and I assumed it was from a dairy infraction I had that evening and via my breastmilk. I believed it was causing him digestive distress. After 30min of being unable to console him he started shallow rapid breathing and freaked my husband & I out. My husband wanted to go to the ER immediately, and I was paralyzed with fear of the "what ifs" that an ER visit entails. All the cases of medical kidnapping i've heard about came to mind, and the bullying I was sure to endure from hospital staff after being asked "is he up to date on his immunizations?" and replying "no he's not up to date, we don't vaccinate."

It doesn't matter that this was my healthiest child by far, has only had 1 cold in his life and never had even an ear infection or antibiotics, the intake nurse looked appalled. I mumbled something about my oldest child having a vaccine injury, and our doctor recommending we no longer vaccinate due to our family medical history and genetic single nucleotide polymorphisms making us more prone to adverse reactions. Thankfully she was the only one who gave me a hard time, my sons oxygen levels were at 100% and the ER Doc was fabulous and agreed with my hunch that digestive distress was probably the culprit. But, WHAT IF, something was actually seriously wrong and I didn't take him in out of fear. Fear that they would call CPS on me because we don't vaccinate. Fear that I was going to get into a verbal altercation with hospital staff and be made to look like a crazy person. I've been dealing with these fears & being labeled an "antivaxer" since my 16yr olds last booster 11yrs ago resulted in her injury. Nearly every medical related appt for all 3 of my children has been met with anxiety solely because we no longer vaccinate. SB687 would offer parents like me some peace of mind, and afford us the opportunity to seek medical treatment for our children where otherwise we might be too afraid to, due to being discriminated against.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony today, and I urge you to please pass SB687.

Sincerely,
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