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

My name is Lindalee McCandlis. I am mother to young twin boys. I am writing to you in support of SB 687. The additional language to our law provides clarification that is very important to me.

In every urgent care, or emergency room visit a parent is repeatedly asked if our child is up to date on vaccines. After answering I hold my breath and wait for a reaction from the healthcare provider. A healthcare provider who doesn't know myself, my child, or my family doctor. A healthcare provider who is not aware of my research that supports delaying or non-vaccinating. A healthcare provider that is not aware of all of the conversations I've had with our family doctor, or the possible underlying medical condition of my children. I have read many all to real stories about CPS showing up at a hospital and seizing a non-vaccinated child. I should not feel as though I am putting my child at risk of being taken from me by seeking urgent or emergency care. No parent should ever have to weigh that fear before seeking medical care for their child.

My twins were born prematurely. As a possible result of being premature at 3 years old one of my boys contracted viral pneumonia and needed to be hospitalized for breathing support. During our 3 day hospital stay one evening a nurse opened our door and asked me if I planned to give my son the flu shot while he was there. When I replied "no", she angrily shouted at me "you are here and could give your child the flu shot and you are going to refuse!" Again I replied "no" to giving the flu shot for my already sick child. The nurse then slammed the door on her way out. At that point I had no idea whether or not the next time that door opened it would be opened by a caseworker from CPS.

As an intentional mother I stand firmly by my educated decision made with my family doctor regarding my children's vaccine status. I should not live in fear of losing my children for making the best choices for them that I can.

I respectfully request a yes vote on SB687.

Thank You,  
Lindalee McCandlis

