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Dear Senator Gelser and Members of the Committee:

I am not able to attend the public hearing today on Senate Bill 687, but am writing to you to relay my support for the Bill.

Although it is still inconceivable to me that a parent could be accused of abusing their child for refusing a vaccine, or for following an alternative vaccination schedule, I have been made aware of numerous occasions where this has happened in our state.

SB687 will ensure that the informed decisions that parents make with regard to vaccinating, or delaying a vaccination, will be respected and not used as a basis for falsely accusing a parent of abuse. Without this important distinction, vaccination related abuse allegations in our state will continue. Please consider the chilling effect this will have on parents seeking medical care for their children in an emergency situation.

Thank you for your time,

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