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Dear Senators Gelser and Members of the Committee:  
Re: SB 687

I am an Oregon resident and have been for the last 3 years. I am 29 years old and was raised in a non vaccinating household in Arizona. My mother had me at home and took me in to visit a Pediatrician when I was an infant to make sure I was healthy. I was born with a skin tag on my ear, and the midwife who delivered me suggested my mother take me to a Pediatrician to have everything checked out to make sure I was developing normally.

While at the Pediatrician, my mother was asked if I was up to date on my vaccines. My mother explained that she was foregoing vaccinating based on the extensive research she had done regarding the issue. She had begun to research vaccines after witnessing adverse reactions with both herself and members of her family. She explained that in the best interest of my health, she would be going in a different direction.

The Pediatrician became infuriated and threatened to call Child Protective Services, claiming that by not vaccinating me, she was putting my life at risk. She then attempted to block my mother from leaving her office. My mother still refused to have me vaccinated and eventually was able to leave. My mother, who had been raised vaccinated, was completely unaware of the level of bullying that took place inside a Doctor's office in regards to vaccination.

A few days after the incident she was contacted by CPS regarding my vaccination status. My mother explained the situation and was told (by CPS) that she would be able to take me to a Naturopathic Doctor, and that their assessment of my health was just as valid as a Pediatrician's assessment (I am not sure if that is the case anymore- this was back in the 80's). I was given a clean bill of health and CPS dropped the case.

Since that incident my mother went on to have 2 more fully non vaccinated, healthy children. We were raised in a loving home, were given proper care, sought medical treatment if it was needed and grew up to be healthy adults. The very reason that CPS was burdened with my case, to me, is a complete waste of time and funds that could go to actual abusive situations. It also highlights the extreme abuse of power the medical industry has in order to obtain compliance.

A vaccine is a medical procedure that requires full informed consent from the patient. Vaccines can and do cause serious injury or death and there is currently no way to know who will be affected negatively from the procedure. A parent who has done extensive research and has chosen to delay, follow a different schedule, or forego vaccinating all together is not abusive, rather they are doing what they feel is in the best interest of their child.

I am in full support of SB 687 so that other parents are not put into the same situation as my own mother because sadly, I know her story is not unique.

Thank You

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