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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4059

To the House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services. I would like to express my opposition to HB 4059. I'm going to echo this paragraph. Narrowing "Abuse" to Financial Capacity is a trap. HB 4059 modifies "negligent treatment" to account for a parent's financial ability. The bill conditions this on the parents' duty to accept "appropriate services". This creates a subjective "compliance trap" where the state's failure to provide accessible services, such as specialized respite for a child with a disability, could be used to justify intervention while simultaneously raising the bar so high that the state ignores the child until a crisis occurs. All children are a gift from God, and all adults need to protect them.

Rather than giving the State Loopholes.

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