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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 1598

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to SB 1598.

I am concerned that this bill represents an overreach of government authority into private medical decision-making. Medical choices should remain with individuals, parents, and their trusted healthcare providers—not transferred to unelected bureaucrats or centralized state control.

Families are not interchangeable, and medical decisions are not one-size-fits-all. Each person has unique medical circumstances, risk factors, and deeply held beliefs that must be respected. Policies that impose automatic or statewide mandates undermine informed consent and erode the physician–patient and parent–child decision-making relationship.

Parents have both the right and responsibility to act in the best interest of their children. Removing or restricting that authority weakens family autonomy and personal liberty. Doctors, not government agencies, are best equipped to guide patient-specific medical care.

I urge the committee to reject SB 1598 and to protect bodily autonomy, parental rights, and the principle that medical decisions should remain personal, voluntary, and individualized.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on this important issue.