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Dear Judicial Committee members,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB666

It is crucial to the raising up of strong citizens to acknowledge the fundamental right of the parent to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of their child. The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and these children belong to the parents, not the State or any other political subdivision. Parents help to instill strong values and morals, and themselves are morally obligated to do what is best for their children.

We can acknowledge that some parents do not do what is best for their children while still maintaining that all parents have the fundamental right to parent. Over the past couple of years we have seen, across the US and in other countries, parents being stripped of their rights and their children removed from their custody because their parents made choices for their health and care; yet children who are neglected and abused remain in their homes, or are put back into homes with their abusers. Where is the justice in that?

I believe the establishment of HB666, crossfiled with SB0566, will bring justice to the family structure.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

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