

Hello, I would like to make a public comment regarding this Home Study Bill.

As a mother of small children, This home study bill greatly concerns me. The public has been provided limited information on what this study entails, how it will be carried out, and what is the underlying motive for this bill. Considering recent comments regarding parental rights during the last election, I am concerned that this will become government over reach. Is this bill a back door into the most vulnerable homes of America? When a mother gives birth often times they struggle with post partum depression. They can't clean their home, they can't cook dinner, they can't drive due to c section restrictions. Often times they are alone as their partner returns to work. And this bill is asking for a government official to be allowed into their homes for what basically is a welfare check. How is the general public supposed to believe that this is not an agenda for more removal of children from homes with the intent to forcibly vaccinate due to "suspicions of abuse". I have already seen the extreme over reach in this city when it comes to parental rights and medical freedom. As a former staff at a local child abuse assessment center, I have seen multiple children removed from homes on little basis. As a parent I have been bullied and pressured by medical staff when I balked at continued vaccinations. So when I see a bill like this I wonder how much of is this really intended to support families that are truly lacking support?

Here are some ways that you can truly support a parent of a newborn: Cleaning services, food services, rides to and from appointments, childcare for older children, healthy food and supplements, in home lactation support, and most importantly respect for parental autonomy. I personally feel that the public has a right to know if this study is intending to be mandatory, and what is involved in this study down to every detail . Everyone has the right to privacy without fear of retaliation or invasion.

Thank you very much

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