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My name is Pam Lewis, RN, I am a retired EMT-I and ER RN. My husband and I are parents of 2 biological children and 9 adopted children. Because of their learning difficulties, (due to various drug exposures in utero), we needed to access alternative schooling in order to increase their success, which worked incredibly well.

All of that to say, I know what an emergency is, and this circumstance is not. It is unethical for a senator to use their position to manipulate the truth of an emergency, whether medical, educational or social.

I know how complicated it can be to find the right match in educational style for a wide range of student needs.

It is my highest recommendation that as a representative of the people, we remember here that the parent's name is on each and every birth certificate of their children, not a governmental employee.

I fully and completely oppose this bill for the simple reason of our constitutional rights as parents to fully and completely guide our children through childhood. The right to guide them through the moral, medical and educational minefield of life. To love and care for them fully.

This bill will limit the parents' choice in education, yielding power to the government as it sees fit to use it, and this has no place in the life of our most vulnerable population, our children.

I ask that you do not support this bill, but that you support the family's choice to educate how they deem best for their child.