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To: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.
Subject: SUPPORT House Bill 7781 - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

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Dear Representative,

My name is Diane Stein and I am the president for the Florida chapter of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), an award-winning nonprofit in the area of mental health human rights. For over 50 years, CCHR has been working to protect the mental health human rights of individuals of all ages.

Families in Rhode Island need a Parents' Bill of Rights and I am grateful to the Representatives sponsoring this very good bill. This bill has been referred to the House Education Committee and for this reason I am contacting you in support of this bill. It is my hope that as a member of this committee you will VOTE YES when this bill is heard.

If Rhode Island simply passed this section of H 7781, this would help to protect the 200,000 or so children of the state:

23-100-3. Infringement of parental rights.

(a) The state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution may not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their minor child without demonstrating that such action is reasonable and necessary to achieve a compelling state interest and that such action is narrowly tailored and is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means.

(b) For purposes of this chapter, the term "parent" means a person who has legal custody of a minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Diane Stein

President, CCHR Florida

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