

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hearing for SB422
Testimony from Beth Scaer
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Committee Members,

I am a grandmother from Nashua and I am here to testify in opposition to SB422.

Removing the words mother and father from birth records denies our very humanity. Every child has a mother and a father and this change would create a fiction that a child was created by two people who have may have nothing to do with his or her conception. This bill also furthers the lie that biological sex doesn't matter when we know that only women can birth children and only men can father children.

Every child deserves a mother and a father. Creating a child in order to purposely raise that child without a mother or without a father is damaging to a child's wellbeing. Everyone knows this instinctively. Can you imagine a 10-year-old asking her two male parents "Where is my mother?" and finding out she was created through surrogacy for money? The heartbreak would never be healed.

I know what its like to grow up from a young age without a father in the home. It broke my heart over and over that he was separated from us and I could never have my mother and father together in the same household again. We should strive to prevent situations where a child is separated from a birth mother or birth father, not give them legitimacy.

This bill puts the rights of adults ahead of children which is completely backwards.

Vote ITL on SB422 to protect children.