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DEAR COMMISSIONERS

I AM WRITING TO YOU ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH INQUIRY.

AS A DAUGHTER, AUNTY, FRIEND & CITIZEN I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SCREENING OF BABIES & TODDLERS FOR MENTAL ILLNESS.

IT IS MY EXPERIENCE THAT BABIES AND TODDLERS CRY, DON'T SLEEP WELL, SOMETIMES HAVE A TANTRUM OR ARE VERY ACTIVE. I HAVE SEEN THESE <sup>SAME</sup> BABIES & TODDLERS GROW TO BE RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE YOUNG ADULTS WHO CARE FOR THEMSELVES, & OTHERS & THEIR ENVIRONMENT. ONE NEPHEW IN PARTICULAR WAS EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY ACTIVE AS A TODDLER AND IS NOW A BUDDING ARTIST.

NONE OF THESE BABIES AND TODDLERS NEEDED MENTAL SCREENING OR DRUGS FOR THEIR CRYING, ACTIVENESS OR TANTRUMS, I AM VERY CONCERNED AND DO NOT AGREE WITH THE SCREENING & DRUG TAKING FOR THESE NORMAL BABY & TODDLER BEHAVIOURS.

THANK YOU NICOLE LEONARD