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Emne: BRING ZAMMI HOME

From Keira: My newborn daughter Zammi was taken from me shortly after her birth on November 7, 2024. This happened as a result of a parenting competency test I underwent in 2014 that did not take into account my Greenlandic cultural background. The same psychologists used by Thisted Municipality have assessed me as low-intelligent and without parenting skills, although a Greenlandic interpreter was never called for any of the meetings, investigations or decisions. These psychologists have also been in charge of all infant therapy and play appointments for my children, which have been taken away from me. This has happened on the basis of Thisted Municipality's discriminatory and condescending treatment of me in relation to my ethnicity, gender, race, disability, age and sexual orientation in connection with the parenting competence examinations, where several psychological tests that are not adapted to Greenlanders have been used against me.

In their assessment of the recommendation for forced removal, Thisted Municipality stated:

"Keira draws on her Greenlandic background, where even small facial expressions have communicative significance. But since the child will grow up in Denmark, it is estimated that Keira will have difficulty preparing the child for the social expectations and codes that are necessary to navigate in Danish society. This challenge is combined with Keira's cognitive difficulties, especially in relation to linguistic and cognitive stimulation of the child, which can result in her expressing herself simplistically and impulsively."

I am now more aware that Thisted Municipality has violated my human rights as a member of an indigenous people in Denmark. As an Inuit, I am protected under ILO Convention no. 169 from 1997, which Denmark has signed, as well as the UN declaration, Article 7, which prohibits member states from committing genocide, including the forced removal of children from indigenous peoples to other groups. Inuit Greenlanders are the only indigenous population group in Denmark, which means that I should be protected by this legislation.

My daughter Zammi has been forcibly removed without sufficient information in accordance with the official principle, as emphasis has been placed on old information from the disputed parental competence examination, which is not adapted to either me or my daughter, and the basis of the case is therefore not current.

A parental competency examination has been used, where no culturally adapted tests have been carried out, which is contrary to Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Zammi is now growing up with a foster family employed by the municipality, and their parenting skills have given rise to concern, which my lawyer together with a helper from an association MAPI, has reported to both Thisted Municipality and higher authorities.

According to my lawyer, Thisted Municipality has violated my human rights. The Institute for Human Rights already pointed out in 2022 that there were serious challenges with the use of parenting competence studies and standardized tests in the assessment of parents' abilities to care for their children. The use of these methods was assessed as a violation of Articles 8 and 14 of the Convention on Human Rights.

By signing this statement of support, you can help me in the fight to get my daughter, Zammi, home to me and our biological family, where she can grow up in a safe environment with her mother and family, as well as preserve her Greenlandic cultural background - like many well-functioning Greenlandic families with children in today's Denmark.