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**Good morning Chairman
Anderson and the
distinguished members of
the Judiciary Committee.**

**My name is Pamela Rowse,
I have been a practicing
Registered Nurse in the
State of Nevada since 1980
with a primary focus in
emergency and prehospital
patient care. But in 1998
my focus took a new and
painful turn when I found
it necessary to start the**

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**Kierra Harrison
Foundation for Child
Safety, a not for profit
organization in the State of
Nevada.**

**I want to thank you for this
opportunity to speak on
behalf of this important
issue regarding “Shaken
Baby Syndrome” and AB –
8 as it relates to the
definition of SBS and the
Nevada Revised Statute on
“child abuse”.**

**In March of 1997 my 14
month old grand daughter
Kierra Ashlie Danielle
Harrison died from brain
injuries that she sustained
from being shaken and
slammed onto a blunt
surface.**

**Even as our family
observed her tiny
unresponsive body being
taken to the CT scan for**

diagnosis, there was not a single sign externally present that reflected in any way that she had been abused.

We later learned that the brain injury and trauma that existed was so severe that Kierra would not survive from her event.

Over many months and years we researched this “syndrome” of SBS and

learned that we were not alone in our plight and grief. On the contrary there was a major crisis on the forefront regarding not only the children being identified with this injury, but the prosecution and conviction of the accused perpetrators in similar crimes even in our own state.

The general population in the U.S. without adequate

informed knowledge of the syndrome, physicians, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, juries accepted that a child without outward signs of abuse could not have been abused, but only a subject in a random loss of adult temper and an excusable act of anger.

This is currently known to be an untruth.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is defined by the American Academy of Pediatricians in their position statement dated July 1, 2001 “Shaken Baby Syndrome: Rotational Cranial Injuries – Technical Report..... as “a serious and clearly definable form of child abuse. It results from extreme rotational cranial acceleration induced by violent shaking or shaking/impact, which

**would be easily reconizable
by others as dangerous.
More resources should be
devoted to prevention of
this and other forms of
child abuse.**

**Child abuse very clearly
defined. The amount of
force required to inflict
injury by shaking....is
sufficient to be recognized
by not only the adult
inflicting the shaking but
anyone including a child**

**observing the act that it
would result in ultimate
“injury to the baby”**

**There are two
internationally documented
cases regarding “adult
shaken syndrome” during
the Israeli conflict....**

**ISRAELI FIRST WORD
TORTURE IS SPOKEN
U.S. ATTORNEY
GENERAL CONDEMNS**

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SHAKING OF ARAB PRISONERS IN INTERROGATION

Ben Yair, whose reply was made public today, was so angry that he broke a longstanding taboo. He became the first senior government official in memory to use the word "torture" in the context of Israel's treatment of Arab security prisoners, and he spoke graphically about a

**method known as
"whiplashing" or
"shaking."**

**He spoke of violence in the
interrogation cells, and
brain damage, and even
death. He disclosed nothing
not well documented by the
world's leading human
rights organizations,
several of which have long
accused Israel of torture,
but the words were**

revolutionary for a man in his position.

The interrogation death of detainee Abdel Zamed Harizat in April, Ben Yair told the law journal, "shook all of us in the Justice Ministry and me personally. We saw a demonstration on videotape of the shaking, and it was completely different from what is written in the regulations. I discovered

that this is emphatically a physical method, and the fact is that it caused a man's death."

"We didn't know what shaking was," Ben Yair said, referring to the ministerial committee that is supposed to supervise the Shin Bet. "We thought it was a slight rocking. The damage that could be caused by shaking is not

only death. The subject can also suffer brain damage.

**This man suffered the same clinical presentation as our infant SBS victims...subdural hematomas, and retinal hemorrhages
“Adult SBS”**

Nevada has the opportunity to move forward in the prosecution and conviction of individuals that choose to evoke violence upon our

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**most vulnerable citizens
our children. Approving
AB-8 and it's added
definition of SBS in it's
Child Abuse Statues will
assist in placing Nevada in
the forefront of child abuse
prevention and prosecution.**

**Our children need to be
protected as well as their
injuries and deaths
prosecuted effectively. AB-
8 will assist in this pursuit.**

**Again I thank Chairman
Anderson and the
Committee for allowing me
to share with them my
support and endorsement
of AB-8 and my wish for
the most effective
prosecution of child abusers
that we can find.....!**

**Much thanks to the
Committee....Mark
Manendo for the bill
submission, the Clark
County DA's Office for the**

**submitted revisions to the
definition, the Clark
County Fire Fighters, LV
Metro and ALL who have
been supportive in the fight
for better child abuse
prosecution.**

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