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General Hospital's Alexis Davis to Testify to Lawmakers About PAS & How it's used to harm children

T.V. Star Nancy Lee Grahn to Join Dozens of Family Court Victims to Urge Passage of Assemblyman Jim Beall's AB 612

What: **Pre-Hearing Press Conference**

Who: **Daytime TV Celebrity Nancy Lee Grahn & dozens of family court victims & court reform advocates**
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When: **8:30AM on Tuesday, April 28 – Press Conference**
             9:00AM Hearing in Room 4202

Where: **State Capitol– Room 444**

Acclaimed television star **Nancy Lee Grahn** will address reporters tomorrow about her personal family court ordeal before she testifies on behalf of AB 612 at the California Assembly Judiciary Committee Hearing. Grahn will join dozens of parents and children to speak about the ravages of Parental Alienation Syndrome, or PAS, on their lives, and the desperate need for family court reform.

Like thousands of parents in California's family courts, Grahn was falsely accused of "alienating her child" against her father, yet she eventually prevailed in her protecting her child. AB 612 would outlaw the use of this unscientific theory that is typically responsible for placing **more than 58,000 children per year in the U.S.** into dangerous homes with parents the children have identified as their molesters and abusers (Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence). Beall's bill is just one of a handful of measures addressing the need for family court reform in California this year.

PAS is a controversial, unscientific theory that does not meet legal evidentiary standards, yet it is commonly used in family courts everywhere. PAS and related "alienation" theories are not accepted or endorsed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, American Psychological Association, American Prosecutors Research Institute, National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, and nearly all credible researchers on the subject.

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