

I submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2205. I object to this bill on the grounds that 1) It is a parent's right to make healthcare decisions for their children, 2) Meningococcal is rare, rarely fatal if treated, and not highly contagious, and 3) The vaccine also carries risk.

The Constitution of the United States has historically time and time again upheld that parents have the fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their children. Government, whether federal or local, interference by requirement to inject children with a substance of any kind goes against that.

Despite Kansas lagging behind in this particular vaccination we are not seeing huge incidences of it. 5 cases in 2016. It is not a highly contagious disease. It is not for the greater good to add this to the list of required vaccinations. It is also not generally fatal if treated.

The vaccine itself carries risk. Is the state of Kansas going to take on the liability of any school children who suffer injuries from the meningococcal disease vaccine? The vaccine insert itself as well as VAERS highlights potential adverse reactions. The decision to undertake such risks should only be made the parents and physicians of these children.

Thank you for your time reading as I could not physically be present. Please feel free to contact me with further questions.

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