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Dear Kansas Department of Health and Environment Committee Members,

I am writing to ask your support of Representative Huebert's bill HB2601. As a Kansas parent, I am very much against vaccine mandates. I support parental rights to make informed medical decisions for their children. I support our religious freedom to make choices that align with our religious values. I am a mother of five children, a pro-life Catholic, and a former School Psychologist in the Blue Valley District (USD 229).

During my career in education as a School Psychologist, I worked with many children with disabilities including autism, sensory processing disorders, learning disabilities, ADHD, and more. In my heart of hearts, I couldn't accept the fact that they were just "born with" these debilitating issues. Something else was going on. And as the School Psychologist, part of my job duty was to conduct record reviews on the students receiving special education services and compile the information regarding their medical histories, parent interviews, diagnoses, etc. The number of times I came across documented information regarding suspected vaccine injuries according to parents was quite concerning. This was in the early 2000's...long before a lot of this information was circulating online like it is nowadays.

So when I became pregnant with my first child in 2006, I started to do more and more research regarding vaccines. I am a highly educated woman with a graduate degree (Educational Specialist - Ed.S.) from the University of Kansas, and I am very familiar with interpreting data, statistics, and reading research studies. My research led me down a rabbit hole of frightening information and my husband and I decided we were not going to have our children vaccinated. Coming from the field of special education that is how my curiosity initially started. But the deeper I dug, the more horrified I became at what I was learning about vaccines. The corruption of the pharmaceutical industry and the government agencies they fund to push their profit agenda, the legal amnesty of the vaccine manufacturers (yet the \$4 billion+ of taxpayer money that has been paid out to vaccine injured families), the lack of double-blind placebo studies, cancer causing and toxic ingredients...just to name a few of the things I learned. The United States Supreme Court has classified vaccines as "unavoidably unsafe." But the most disturbing of all is the fact that many vaccines are made with aborted fetal tissue. This absolutely shook me to my core. The vaccine industry uses human tissue from aborted fetuses not only as cell lines in current vaccines, but also in the testing/research/development of countless other vaccines coming down the pipeline. This goes directly against my family's pro-life religious views. We are very active in our Catholic church and would never choose to use a medical product that goes against the religious values we uphold. One cannot be pro-life and pro-vaccine at the same time, and sadly, many pro-life citizens simply do not know the extent that products from abortion are used in the pharmaceutical industry.

I am so thankful that I had the sense to do my own research when I started my parenting journey in 2006. I now have five incredibly healthy children. They do not have any chronic health issues whatsoever. They have never had any serious illnesses and are rarely sick. Compared to our niece, nephews, and their peers at school, my children are significantly

healthier. My children will never be a financial burden on the education system with having any disabilities that require special education services. Their excellent health, God willing should it continue, will allow them to pursue their dreams and become contributing, productive members of society as adults.

Please support Representative Huebert's bill HB2601. As Kansas parents we need to keep our religious freedom. Mandating additional vaccines would violate the rights that we are given in the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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