

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Chairman Heubert and Committe Members,

I am voicing my concern over vaccines in Kansas. First let me state, that I am not an anti-vaxer. I simply need an exemption for my child, to be an option, and for the State mandates to consider individual healthcare needs.

My son had a violent vaccine reaction in 2010 at his 12 month appointment. It was months and months of health issues afterwards with too many details to go into at this time. Attached are a few photos taken during the first 4 days, but his respiratory, digestive, immunity and neurological systems were all dramatically affected.

I am not against vaccines, I am opposed to the schedule I am forced to comply with, and the potential of having the State of Kansas make more rigid boundaries with no flexibility. Have you seen how many different components are administered at once? Fortunately for my son, when he entered Kindergarten we were able to titre his blood and show his immunity against the MMR components, thereby opting out of administering another dose. At that time, the pharmaceutical company stopped offering the triple shot in individual components and our only option would have been to give him all three components at once again, along with any other vaccines necessary for his school entering age.

I am standing firm that my family, and our doctor's can determine on a case by case basis what is in the best interest of each child. Please do not allow the State of Kansas to become a no options state like California and New York. Let us advocate for the health of our children individually. There are too many risks associated with a blanket approach.

Thank you for your attention

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