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Representative Heubert's HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

The issue with mandated vaccines isn't an issue of whether you are pro-vaccine, anti-vaccine, or somewhere in between.

The issue is about freedom.

Do you believe in the freedom to decide your own health decisions?
Do you believe in the freedom to decide the health decisions of your children?

Or are you 100% comfortable delegating that decision to an outside power? What if the vaccine schedule continues to grow? What if in the next 5-10 years we are injecting our babies with double or triple the amount of vaccines the CDC is currently recommending? Would you still be comfortable with a higher power mandating these injections to every single baby and child in America? When considering mandatory vaccinations, you have to think past the present and consider what that could mean for the future.

What if your child's physician advised against one specific vaccination for your child based on their personal health? When vaccines are mandatory and all exemptions are stripped away- the physician's advice is null. When vaccinations are mandatory across the board, we are saying the government knows better than your physician who personally knows and assesses the individual health of your child. It's saying the government knows better than you as a parent.

Again, the issue with mandated vaccinations isn't an issue of if you are comfortable with the current vaccine schedule and think everyone else should be as well. The issue is – should a higher power be able to dictate what pharmaceutical products are injected into the American people?

What is your definition of an American? And does the idea of mandated vaccines fit that definition?

As an American parent, I want the God-given, country-given, Kansas-given right to make health decisions for my child. As a mother, I have my children's absolute best-interest at heart. I have no other agenda other than to do what is best for them. And my biggest fear in all the world is that right as a mother being taken away. The power is in your hands, Kansas Education Committee members, to allow mothers to keep the very essence of what it means to be a mother- to protect our children by making the best decision we see fit for them. To have control over what is being done to their little bodies.

Thank you,

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