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RE: Support of Kansas HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members:

Freedom. In America it is a human right to exercise freedom of thought, speech, conscience and religious belief. But, when it comes to vaccination, American's religious and medical freedoms are being taken away in America, one state at a time ... but Kansas parents are on high alert. We would like to encourage committee members to fully engage with this issue, not only for religious reasons including the fact that most vaccines are made from aborted fetal cells and involve animal cruelty in their production, but also simply because it is a human right to opt out of any medical procedure that lists death as a possible adverse reaction.

I support HB 2601. I believe any vaccines parents choose to give or not give their children should always remain a private religious and medical decision – without state interference – and without denying a child their civil right to a public education.

The CDC childhood vaccination schedule now has 72 vaccines from birth to age 18 and more than 70 vaccines to adults age 18 – 65. However, it doesn't seem that many adults choose to follow the CDC recommended schedule, which leads me to conclude that the general population is in favor of vaccine choice, and that "herd immunity" is a myth. Yet, when it comes to school attendance, public health officials believe that all children must receive 72 doses of 16 vaccines – no exceptions and no questions asked. However, some children are genetically, biologically and environmentally more susceptible to being harmed by inflexible vaccine laws, especially when doctors cannot accurately predict which child will be brain damaged or die from vaccination.

The meningitis and pneumococcal vaccines were swiftly added in 2019 to the Kansas required schedule for school attendance. According to CDC data for 2016, there were only 5 cases of invasive meningitis in Kansas during 2016, and it's unknown how many of those cases were caused by the bacterial serogroups that are covered by the vaccines. Nationwide, there were only 340 cases of invasive meningitis reported in 2016. This number divided by 320 million residents in our country equals 0.000001% of our country's population. Therefore, these small numbers did not justify requiring the meningitis vaccine for school entry, but it was added to the Kansas schedule. *Why are we allowing politicians to practice medicine without a license?*

Not only does vaccination violate my religious beliefs, I can name 20 people in my family and friends who have been harmed by vaccines. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. Please protect religious, parental and medical rights in Kansas.

Sincerely,

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