

Re: HB 2601

February 11, 2020

Dear Chairman Huebert:

Thank you for arranging the hearing that will take place on February 13th, 2020. Thank you for your pro-life stance and devotion to the basic right to life of all people from conception until natural life. I am concerned as a parent of young children and a daycare provider about retaining my freedom with regards to my children's health specifically regarding vaccinations and concerned about the high rate of illnesses I perceive in children in my care.

I have observed that 80% of the children under my care have some sort of illness or diseases ranging from asthma, to behavior and developmental problems, to severe seasonal allergies, to rare diseases. Most of these children are fully vaccinated and the rest are partially vaccinated. I am disappointed that more and more vaccines such as Meningitis and Hepatitis A vaccines are being added to the list of required vaccines when the safety of vaccines has not been proven nor the effect of added doses of vaccines. I would like to see the power of the KDHE in check as corruption stems from unchecked power.

My primary concern is that my husband and I continue to have the freedom to decide what is best for our children. The family unit is the building block of society and although it is breakable it cannot be corrupted. There is no one that cares for and is willing to sacrifice for children more than their own mother and father. The modern philosopher and theologian John Paul II highlighted the importance of the family unit and wrote, "The future of the world and the Church passes through the family" (*Familiaris Consortio*, #79).

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I hope and pray that families continue to retain their freedom and are guided to make good choices regarding the health of their children by government and healthcare organizations.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Resident of Rural North Central Kansas