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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to proposed bill HB 2601 regarding vaccine mandates for Kansans. I would like to share why limitations to government mandates of vaccines is not only important to me, but imperative for all Kansans.

In infancy, I was personally injured by the DTP vaccine and immediately rushed to the ER with seizure activity affecting respiration. Thankfully I survived, though not without detrimental effects to my health throughout my childhood and young adulthood. Ultimately, this experience opened my eyes to the idea that like prescription medicine, vaccines have the capacity to affect different people in different ways. They are not one size fits all, and should not be treated as such.

As a healthcare professional, I understand public health risks and fully support the efforts of Kansas agencies and legislators to protect our public health. However, I believe making immunizations MANDATORY across the board for ALL people is not only a huge risk, detrimental to the health of many, but also a major violation to basic human rights. The American constitution must be upheld with regards to medical and religious freedom of the people. Particularly when the agencies pushing mandates receive funding from pharmaceutical companies who stand to make a great deal of money, who are not held liable for vaccine injury (1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act), and who refuse to engage in double blind studies to ensure safety and efficacy.

As a legislator you are responsible and therefore accountable for the safety of the people and therefore our rights. I urge you to please acknowledge the need for limitations on government overreach involving any mandates infringing upon the freedoms of residents in the great state of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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