Proponent of HB 2498

Madam Chair Landwehr and the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

When my only son was five years old, he suffered a cardiac arrest due to atopic atrial tachycardia, and dilated cardio myopathy, I can tell you of all the horrors of watching your child code with no heartbeat for six minutes strait. I can tell you what it feels like when the best doctors in the country at Children's Mercy Hospital aren't sure how best to help your child. I wouldn't wish this type of pain and anguish on anyone, let alone my fellow Kansans or even my fellow Americans.

With the many reports of myocarditis that we have been hearing, directly related specifically to boys who have been given the COVID 19 vaccine in all its forms and brands, it is simply unconscionable in my mind that legislators could even consider making this particular vaccine a requirement for children to be involved in polite society. I'm not anti-vaccine, my son has every single required vaccine for polio, measles etc. I do not say this lightly.

As a legislator, I cannot imagine that you would like to be left holding the blame for what will be the huge spike in our young boys and men in Kansas suffering a similar fate and subjecting them to a potentially life long cardiac health issues that will impact them and their entire family. I still have severe PTSD related to nearly losing my only child I BEG that you consider supporting this bill that will protect our young Kansans during this time.

I will briefly mention the facts that COVID 19 doesn't affect children and is not dangerous for them if they do happen to contract the virus. Furthermore, we want to grow strong children and ALL of the science supports the fact natural immunity gained by contracting and recovering from COVID offers them the BEST protection, significantly better than the vaccine which is entirely experimental at this point and has had nowhere near enough empirical data to prove even efficacy, let alone safety and long term side effects are "to be determined"

Even if the initial efficacy were strong which is not supported by the Omicron evidence, a vaccine mandate for schools and daycares would eventually require boosters, meaning repeatedly putting experimental and unproven for children vaccines in their bodies repeatedly, as we have seen is suggested by CDC and pharmaceutical companies for adults.

I URGE you to support HB 2498 and protect our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, I'll be praying for you to make the right decision in support of Kansans.

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