

To: Senate Committee on Commerce

From: Lynette Delaney

Re: SB 511 opposition testimony

Dear Chairperson Erickson and senate committee members,

I oppose SB 511.

I am a Pharmacy Tech at Larned State Hospital and a twenty plus year State Employee.

I am also a Steward of the Kansas Organization of State Employees by my own choice. You, me, all of us make choices in our lives every single day. Which grocery store to go to, where you have lunch, what Dr. you will see, which charity to donate to, where you go on vacation, what vehicle you drive and the list goes on and on. Are you willing to accept a committee of people walking next to you making these choices for you? I'm confident your answer would be "NO."

If you are unaware of the hardship state employees have been forced to endure then you need to get out from under the rock you've been hiding under. State employees have been forced to work sixteen hour days, six days a week with very little hope in site. Family life is something they can only dream about. The staffing shortage has created unsafe working conditions for employees causing the number of staff injuries to increase. Some of our employees have an hour commute to and from work. They work their sixteen hours, drive an hour home, shower, maybe eat, hopefully get to see their kids and spouse then collapse into bed. They maybe get five hours of sleep, get up, dress and make an hour drive back to work to cover another sixteen hour shift. We are dedicated state employees and are quite capable of making the decision on how we spend our hard earned dollar. No one is forced to join our union we make that choice freely on our own. Your time and energy should be focused on supporting the people of Kansas that made A CHOICE to give you the opportunity to hold the office you are in. You work for the people of Kansas, we do not work for you.

I do not support SB 511 and neither should you.

Thank you

Lynette Delaney