March 18, 2021 "In Support of SB 212" Amanda Perron Topeka Shawnee County Kansas KS House District 52

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members:

My name is Amanda Perron. I am a registered nurse here in Topeka, Kansas. I have been working as a nurse for five years. It is my professional opinion that it is unethical to deny medical freedom and bodily autonomy to any adult or child, and not allow parents the right to choose what invasive medical procedure their child partake in. No pharmaceutical product, including vaccinations, are without risk. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. We can encourage people to take safety precautions. We can provide extensive education to families. We cannot infringe on their rights to make their own medical and healthcare decisions. We cannot deny them the right to an education or a job because of vaccination status.

As a registered nurse, I have first handedly administered vaccines to hundreds of patients and witnessed the adverse reactions that are more common than the healthcare industry would like to admit. I am in support of informed consent and doctor-patient confidentiality. It should not be up to the KDHE to add vaccinations to the schedule and mandate they be given. These health decisions should be made privately between the person, parents, and doctor. This bill is important to protect the integrity of our healthcare system, and more importantly, to protect the health and safety of those who may be negatively affected by a mandated pharmaceutical.

Thank you for your time,

Amanda Perron, RN