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RE: In Support of SB212

Chairman Hilderbrand and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members:

I wish to share my support of SB 212. I find it absolutely horrifying that an unelected official(s) should be able to decide what is required for the medical treatment of a child in order for them to attend school.

All children living in the United States have the right to a public education. The Constitution requires that all kids be given equal educational opportunity no matter what their race, ethnic background, religion, or sex, or whether they are rich or poor. Why should individual choices for medical treatment be an exception?

It is known that vaccines can and do cause injury. It is also known that doctors, nurses or even the manufacturers bear no liability if a child is injured or killed by a vaccine. No medical treatment is one-size-fits-all. I find it inconceivable that a government entity would be given the authority to mandate each child to be injected with known toxins in order to attend school. Parents MUST be able, to have a say in what continues to be added to the already bloated schedule of vaccines for Kansas children to be able to attend school. The voice must be brought back to the people through their representatives and no longer be at the mercy of just one, or a few, medical professionals.

During the last year due to the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, we have gotten a glimpse of what KDHE can do and it is scary. I do not want KDHE's Secretary of Health to be the only person able to add vaccines to the required vaccine schedule. Currently, with the stroke of a pen, KDHE's Secretary of Health can add any vaccine to the schedule without a vote or legislative review. Where are the checks and balances?

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 212.

Regards,

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