

**PROPONENT TESTIMONY--Written only-SB6**

To Chairwoman Gossage and Committee:

I support repealing KSAs 65-126, 65-127, 65-129 and 65-129c.

Kansans need you to pass SB6. The current language in these statutes gives unchecked authority to an unelected official(s). The Kansas Secretary of Health and Human Services is not elected by the people, nor are the local health officers. By removing the language, you remove the unchecked power given to the unelected Kansas Secretary of Health and Environment. In 2020, we witnessed what unchecked power can do; the entire state was under unconstitutional mandates in our communities and schools, and we had to fight just to get a special session. Those mandates affected small businesses, children's education, the elderly and virtually all Kansas citizens. In my own county, our local health officer made threats that he had to power to shut down schools if he wanted to.

The individual liberties given to us through the Constitution is modeled after the greatest book inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Bible; the Word of God. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17) This scripture defines where our freedom and liberty comes from, the Creator of the Universe; the Almighty God through his Son, Jesus. Please protect the individual rights of every Kansas citizen from the elderly to the preborn and remove unchecked powers of unelected officials in this state.

Respectfully,

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