

02/12/2024

SB390

Proponent

Written Only

Chairman Gossage and Members of the senate Public Health & Welfare committee,

I am submitting my testimony in support of SB390. COVID-19 changed the state of Kansas. With the over-hyped threat of illness or death from the disease, the public was pressured into taking one of the handful of vaccination shots. People were bullied and forced out of their jobs, harassed by employers and coworkers, and humiliated for not getting in line and taking the shot. Their lives were changed financially and sometimes their careers were ruined. Families were put under an immense amount of strain by lack of employment. Children were not allowed into schools. This is unfortunate as we now know the vaccination shot has led to numerous deaths and health complications. The people who stood firm were the ones who paid the price. This piece of legislation will protect those people from not having to go through that type of stress and hardship again. It should be up to the person on whether they want to take any medication or vaccine they see fit. The state or employer may make recommendations, but they should be just that, a recommendation. Employers should not be able to discriminate against any person by simply their vaccination status. If they do, then that employer should be subject to discrimination litigation. Again, I am voicing my support for bill SB390.

Respectfully,

Brett Anderson

We The People Kansas

Republican Precinct Committeeman

Sedgwick County

In Support of SB390 the Right to refuse medical care.  
To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
February 13, 2024

Chairman Gossage, and distinguished committee members:

Please support SB 390. Please pass this legislation. No one should be forced to receive any medical care - whether it is government approved or not. It is a basic right for each individual to make their own choices for their life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glen Burdue  
Belle Plaine, Kansas

Senate Public Health & Welfare  
12 February 2024  
Proponent SB 390

Dear Chairman Gossage, Vice-Chair Erickson, Ranking Minority Pettey, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB 390 in your committee. I believe passing this critical bill is essential! Having the ability to keep your job despite vaccination status is essential. Freedom to choose what is best for our bodies, certainly in a time of minimal evidence, is a basic human right. It's been discouraging to watch what happened to the people during COVID between 2020-2022 trying to keep their jobs and avoid the side effects of an untested vaccine. Currently, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) reports 36,501 deaths as a result of the COVID vaccine. They also say 1% report to the VAERS system, which could mean the aforementioned numbers could be as high as 3.6 million! Where there is risk, there should always be choice. Help us continue to be able to provide for our families by passing SB 390 out of committee favorably.

Thank you for your service!

Melissa Campbell  
Senate District 9

2.8.24

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Sb 390  
Proponent  
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Madam Chair and Committee Members,

I am Debbie Detmer a retired registered nurse and a proponent of Sb390.

In 2020 the healthcare system went upside down. Patients before 2020 had bodily autonomy and individual rights to refuse any medical procedure or medical care.

Then the healthcare system failed to give patient care with individual rights and choices. Mandates for shots, quarantines, masks, testing and shut downs were implemented. Employers made you choose between feeding your family and getting shots after being able to finally go back to work.

Discrimination policies of relentlessly testing , quarantines and masks if you did not take the shots and then the threat of termination of employment.

We have to enact this conscientious right to refuse act and to prohibit discrimination against individuals to refuse medical care. Our children with medical exemptions saw discrimination in our schools. They were shunned and moved apart from their classmates who wore the masks.

We must repeal the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

Thank you  
Debbie Detmer  
10816 W 64 Terrace  
Shawnee, KS 66203  
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Hello Kansas Representatives,

Please support SB390

The citizens have rights over their own bodies obviously it needs to be spelled out.

I personally know people forced for their jobs to take medicine they did not want to do.

What's next? We need your kidney or other organ. The way things have gone the last several years, things like this are not far off. Please represent the citizens of KS who do not want forced medical procedures on them. This bill would not stop people from taking every drug they wanted, forcing others is wrong.

Thank you,

Patricia DeDamos

1685 NW 10 ave. Kingman KS

Feb 12, 2024  
SB 390 Conscientious Right to Refuse  
Proponent  
Written Testimony of JoAnn Farb

Chairman/Chairwoman and Members of the Committee:

I am a former microbiologist with Merck and Co inc., and I was well trained to use pharma's biased, reductionist science to help my company sell its products.

I knew the science I helped disseminate was intentionally narrow to help us sell products – NOT promote health and well-being, but I was paid well to make sure the pharma-supporting "science" was seen by more doctors, and scientists than any science that might contradict it.

But I never dreamed that years after I left that industry, the public health community would cease to protect citizens from pharma's misleading "science" or that citizens would lose basic rights if they chose to do their own research and came to different conclusions than the captured public health community...and didn't want to take a chance on being injected with a new technology with no long term safety data....or had personal religious or philosophical reasons to refuse it. (I thought we had certain freedoms in the US!)

That is why I urge you to support SB 390.

While we all try to figure out how to fix our broken healthcare system it is urgent that we keep the medical industrial complex from taking away our basic human rights, depriving us of education, employment, or access to anything based upon our personal health care decisions

Sincerely,

JoAnn Farb

February 9, 2024

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Mary Fifer

Committee Members:

Beverly Gossage  
Renee Erickson  
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Molly Baumgardner  
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Cindy Holscher  
Kristen O'Shea  
Mark Steffen  
Chase Blasi

I support SB 390 as it stands today.

Thank you for your good work.

Mary Fifer

February 13, 2024  
SB390  
Proponent  
Written only  
Karen Hershey

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB390 and encourage you to vote it favorably out of committee.

This bill shouldn't be needed, but is. We saw why during the cover debacle.

No one should be coerced, bribed threatened to get any medical procedure, including vaccines, shots, masks etc with threat of loosing their jobs.

Forced quarantine is imprisonment. Many children were mentally, socially and academically damaged by these measures. Many folks lost their jobs, were unable to visit loved ones. And were not sick when forced to stay in place or be quarantined.

Four years later, the hindsight has shown the folly of such measures.

Many of us warned about what was to come back in the special session of 2020 and in the months following. The legislature barely put minimal guidelines in place with many folks still forced to take an untested, unsafe, experimental shot to keep their jobs and were forced to quarantine for weeks on end. Many of those folks died, have severe long term side effects and still lost their jobs due to inability to work after receiving the shot, extreme mandates or the employer was unable to stay open due to the side effects of Gov Kelly's policies.

No one should be coerced, threatened or forced to involuntarily be part of a government or employer mandated experiment. Right of refusal and complete informed consent to such things are critical to a healthy free society.

Lastly, the authority to mandate the above needs to be revoked from The Sec of Health and Environment. We've seen how easily this can be abused.

May the Lord guide you and may the work of those fighting against what's best for the people of Kansas fall to the ground.

Karen Hershey  
Resident of Kansas



Proponent SB 390 Written Only Testimony  
Public Health and Welfare  
February 12, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee:

I strongly urge your support for SB 390: The Conscientious Right to Refuge. This bill is vitally important in light of government overreach and infringements on our most basic health freedoms during and since covid. Because Americans declined an experimental vaccine, they lost their livelihoods and their right to an education. Some Americans even lost their lives because they were denied a life-saving transplant. A new underclass was created, based on vaccine status. Americans should never again be discriminated against because they decline medical interventions. And if they are, they should be able to take legal action.

SB 390 reaffirms and upholds our most basic first amendment freedoms—the right to say “NO” in regards to our own bodies. The secretary of health and environment should be able to advise only, always respecting the right to choose and refuge, as each individual sees fit.

Please support SB 390. It is past time to pass this bill!

Sincerely,  
Teresa Hopper  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Kansas Senate District #2

Public Health and Welfare  
Proponent SB390  
Written Testimony Only  
February 14, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support for SB390.

On October 22, 2021, The University of Kansas sent a community-wide email demand to all employees — student employees included — requesting medical proof of COVID-19 vaccination at the risk of disciplinary action up to and including termination. Although the demand indicated there would be room for religious exemption, no exemption process was yet in place. Later events would reveal that the planned exemption was to be a burdensome and invasive process: written testimony of belief backed by historical testimony from third party witness, all judged by a university committee with this officially stated priority:

KU participates in millions of dollars in federal contracts that fund research, employment and educational efforts — all of which are at risk if we are not aligned with the [president's] executive order. For this reason, we cannot be flexible with employees who choose not to comply with the vaccine requirement.

Most graduate students rely on university employment in the form of GTA and GRA funded positions, so with this policy, a refusal to comply is a decision to drop out of school, the abandonment of years spent in study. Those students are trapped, denied the right to make their own medical decisions for their own bodies.

I was a doctoral student at the time of this demand, but my own funding situation was unusual. I had entered the workforce early and so was a self-funded non-traditional student at the time of the university's demand. And so it was that I, alone of my peers, was actually free to follow my own conscience and objectively evaluate my own medical situation. To this day, I remain grateful for that freedom, and I wish it to be extended to all. I remember only too well how frightened I was at the time of losing it.

To those who would argue against this bill with the idea that it is not “scientific,” please be aware that I myself am a scientist, and that science is not an authority-based discipline. Everyone deserves the freedom to evaluate the medical evidence available in light of their own beliefs, coming to the decision that is appropriate for their own body. And this is a philosophical point worth emphasizing. Fundamentally this bill is a “My body. My choice.” issue. If medical self-determination is not upheld as a natural right, on what philosophical basis can it be argued in any other context?

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jeremy Ims, PhD  
Overland Park, KS  
Kansas Senate District #8

In Support of SB 390: Written Only Testimony  
Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
February 12, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Beverly Gossage and Members of the  
Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support for SB 390.

This bill is a matter of bodily autonomy and personal freedom.

As a Type 1 Diabetic with significant health care considerations and costs that differ from the norm, I am highly concerned about mandatory vaccines that would cause me to choose between health endangerment or loss of the employment that provides a way to pay for health care. As a woman who knows other women who have lost employment because of vaccine mandates, the issue of forced medical procedures is not a hypothetical, but a very real danger.

No government, employer, or school should force medical procedures upon a person.

I would appreciate your support for SB 390.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ims  
Overland Park, Kansas  
Kansas Senate District #8

Committee Name: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Bill number: SB 390

Proponent Written Only Testimony

Date: 2/12/2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Beverly Gossage and Members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support to SB 390 : Enacting the conscientious right to refuse act to prohibit discrimination against individuals to refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination; repealing the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

I was coerced into believing the vaccine would prevent infection for my family and myself. This was not was accurate. If “my body, my choice” has any meaning, it is in support of an individual’s right to choose their own personnel health treatments.

I thought we lived in the USA where we had rights not to be infringed by the government establishments. I am 70 years old and the ability to say no always seemed pretty basic to me. The fact that we need the legislature to protect us from an authoritarian medical establishment is very sad and frightening.

Please protect us from an out-of-control medical/government administration!

I would appreciate your support/opposition to SB 390.

Sincerely,

John Ims

Lawrence, Upper Chamber: District 2

February 12, 2024

SB390

Proponent Written Only Testimony

Name: Jaime Kissinger

Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the conscientious right to refuse act. This act is a vital step towards ensuring that individuals have the right to make medical decisions based on their own conscience without facing discrimination or adverse consequences.

The act stops any employer, healthcare entity, school, or person from taking adverse actions against individuals who refuse certain medical interventions for reasons of conscience. This includes vaccinations, biologics, pharmaceuticals, gene editing technologies, and DNA or RNA based products. I am sure you know someone who experienced this and either obeyed or quit their employment. I even knew a teacher who was put in the basement of the school and away from all the others. Unbelievable, what some did and we cannot let that happen again.

It is crucial that individuals can make informed decisions about their own healthcare without fear of retaliations or discrimination. Furthermore, the act provides a civil cause of action for individuals who suffer any injury because of a violation of this act. This ensures that individuals have recourse if their rights are violated and helps to hold entities accountable for discriminatory practices. I urge all members of the legislature to support the conscientious right to refuse act. It is a necessary protection of individual rights and ensures that everyone has the freedom to make healthcare decisions in line with their own conscience.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jaime Kissinger  
Precinct Committeewoman  
We the People of Kansas

My name is DeAnna Marshall, MD. I am from Hutchinson, Ks and I am a proponent of Senate Bill No. 390

Our bodies are extremely complex, and every individual is different. You see with any medication you give, some people do fine, and others have bad outcomes. Medicine is never a one size fits all. Risk vs. benefit must be weighed. With “vaccines” however we tell people that the benefit to the greater good outweighs the risk to the individual. Because of this we have removed liability from the pharmaceutical companies which is a mistake. If we are going to mandate a medical intervention but give the pharmaceutical companies no liability for poor outcomes, there is nothing requiring these companies to give us the very best product they can. In fact, it literally selects for a poor-quality product. Why would they spend time and money on quality control and making sure there are no concerning health signals when there are no repercussions for poor outcomes? Which airplane would you fly in...the one where the manufacturer has liability or the one given liability exemption?

The other issue I see is that if any product is mandated the manufacturer should not make a large profit but simply cover cost of production. If the situation is so dire that we must force people to do something against their better judgement, then I would hope these companies would also be working for the greater good and not wanting to make large profits. This would even apply to companies making test kits if people are required to test on a regular basis. And of course, masks if we go down that rabbit hole again.

Another concern is that any politician receiving any pharmaceutical money for their campaign should not be allowed to legislate on health issues. This is a conflict of interest.

The above issues became magnified during covid. The mRNA technology is a gene therapy. They had been doing research on this for a very long time, but no products had come to market. The reason I could see was that they were having poor outcomes in the animal trials. So, the idea of warp speed and forcing millions to take them or lose their jobs, education opportunities, etc. sent out huge red flags. The fact that we coerced people who already had natural immunity to vaccinate did not follow normal medical science practices. Vaccinating pregnant women with no data to support it was concerning because we usually do an exhaustive evaluation of any new medication before administering during pregnancy. Also, they wrapped it in the lipid nanoparticle which from what I have learned allows it to easily enter your cells. This injection is very different from other vaccines in that it makes your cells produce the spike protein. The lipid nanoparticle allows it to go everywhere and there appears to be no shut off mechanism. So, what I would take away from this is that any health concern we see from covid itself would be amplified with the injection, especially if people are taking multiple doses. If this is the case, then there is no “greater good” for the public by taking the injection. I believe we see this as excess mortality is at a much higher rate than expected at this point.

With all the above knowledge, it seems straight forward that health care mandates should not be considered. Healthcare must be administered on an individual basis.

One of the four pillars in medical ethics is bodily autonomy meaning health professionals should not force a medical intervention on any individual. And of course, our constitution speaks of personal liberty which was not adhered to with mandates and lockdowns.

Thank you for your consideration.

February 12, 2024  
SB 390 PROPONENT  
Written Testimony  
Gary P Morgan

Dear Chairwomen Gossage and Committee Members:

After four years of seeing the ugly fallout of the ill decisions made by non-elected officials in the gross mishandling of the man-made Pandemic I say... NEVER AGAIN!

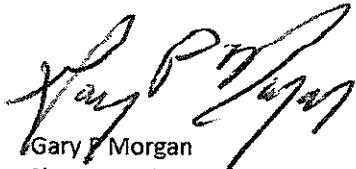
SB390 legislation should not be needed but it's clear to an ever expanding number of Kansan's that we have too many rogue local, state, and federal agencies that are more than anxious to strip us of our fundamental rights and liberties when it comes to making our own health decisions. What happened the last 4-years was, and still is mostly driven by our medical agencies chasing Federal dollars and big pharma interests all at the expense of true health care for us, "We the People".

Some of us have been imploring our Kansas legislators for three years now to get non-elected officials out of the business of interfering in our medical decisions. We are at the eleventh hour now. How many more Kansan's will be adversely affected when they release the next pandemic sometime this year? It's not a matter of if it will happen but only when, and more specifically when before the November elections?

I've been a resident of Kansas for 58 of the last 62 years. Even though I've always been a republican I firmly believe this a non-partisan issue. If you truly believe one non-elected official in our government should be able to make our medical decisions for us, go ahead and let this bill die. But I believe each of you know in your heart of hearts that we must reduce the authority of these non-elected officials to only make "recommendations" based upon real "science" and not the kind of "science" described by the Pfizer executive that said Pfizer had not tested the experimental gene therapy for it's ability to stop transmission of the virus before distributing to the public because they had to "move at the speed of science".

Please move this important bill forward with a strong message of support!

Thank you for supporting this bill.



Gary P Morgan  
Shawnee, KS

February 13, 2024

RE: Written Testimony as Proponent of SB 390 – The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act

Andrea Mukhija  
Lenexa, KS

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee –

*I respectfully and sincerely implore you to favorably pass SB 390 out of committee and actively advocate for its passage into law.*

**SB 390 is the bill I have prayed and waited over 6 years for. The issue of health freedom is the sole reason I retired my post as one who avidly avoided politics and was ignorant of the activities going on in my state legislature.**

Healthcare cannot function as one-size-fits-all. Everyone must be given the option to weigh risks and benefits for themselves and choose the best approach for their *precious* and unique bodies, circumstances, and health profiles.

**I have a very sensitive system that happens to reject pharmaceuticals.** I am also vaccine-injured. Fortunately, I have discovered a whole treasure trove of under-utilized health options that do not require short-circuiting our God-given immune systems to hyper-stimulate immune responses. They are not only less expensive, less invasive, and carry far less (or ZERO) risk, they are also **more effective**.

The hard truth: if our medical systems (and legislatures) were not bought-and-paid-for by pharmaceutical companies who rely on patented products, you would know about these options, too. Another fact: if vaccines were not granted financial and legal immunity for injuries and deaths, they would have not survived as a viable product and a better solution would have emerged.

**SB 390 is absolutely needed to right the wrongs of our upside-down policies.  
We should be OPTING INTO medical procedures, NOT OPTING OUT of them.**

Under no circumstance should a medical product be mandated as a condition to receive education, employment, or any other basic human right. And you also shouldn't have to prescribe to a certain religion to exercise your right of refusal.

Lastly, we saw during COVID what panic and pressure can do to a person's ability to act rationally. We also learned what dangerous levels profit-hungry, opportunity-grabbing, over-promising, under-delivering pharmaceutical companies will stoop to when given a door left open.

It is one responsibility of the KS legislature to pass laws that protect Kansas citizens from being preyed upon by profit-greedy corporations. **You can do that by passing SB 390.**

Thank you for all you do,



Andrea Mukhija



February 7, 2024

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Proponent, written testimony only, SB 390

Respected Chair Gossage and Committee Members,

Thank you for having a hearing on this important bill that will protect Kansas citizens for the decisions they make regarding their health care.

There should be no consequences from the outside for the decisions we make. If we make the wrong decision and ultimately suffer personally as a result, that's on us. Our employers, healthcare providers, schools etc, on the other hand, shall not have any 'recourse' against us if we choose to refuse medical care, medication, and vaccines. Those are our decisions to make.

Also, retailers, apartment complexes, other public housing, restaurants, government entities, medical providers and hospitals, and public places have no right to deny us goods and services because we refuse these things. They do not have authority over other citizens. Any type of personal injury as a result of violating this bill *should have* a private cause of action, as described in your bill. This appears to be a bill with some teeth and I like that.

We must have *our own recourse* if we are discriminated against in this fashion. I'm not sure I agree with the cap imposed in this bill but it does allow for recovery of some damages and litigation costs, and that's a good thing. If there is a punitive level consequence put on a citizen, there should be no cap for a damage recovery, but that's my opinion. Capping it a \$10,000 does mean any perpetrator will suffer a decent monetary punishment and hopefully would make them think twice to do it again.

We all have learned a lot since 2020 and I hope more of our health freedom bills will get passed this session.

Thank you for your hard work on these bills.

Most sincerely,

Jill O'Connor  
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Overland Park, Kansas 66209

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

SB 390

Proponent Testimony (Written Only)

February 11, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gossage and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

Please pass SB 390 – Enacting the conscientious right to refuse act to prohibit discrimination against individuals to refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination; repealing the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your service in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Shanxi Omoniyi

KS Senate District 10

February 12, 2024

PROPONENT  
ORAL TESTIMONY – WEB EX  
SB390  
Lauren Shiffman

Dear Chairwomen Gossage and Committee Members:

My name is Lauren Shiffman from Lenexa, KS.

Today, I stand before you to express my strong support for SB390, a bill that reaffirms the fundamental rights our nation's framers envisioned for every American. This bill is pivotal in preserving the essence of individual liberty that defines our democratic society.

All of us should want medical freedom and the ability to always make healthcare decisions based on unbiased facts, without coercion or fear, and endure only medical treatments or interventions deemed suitable for ourselves under careful consideration. Without the passage of SB390, we risk the possibility of future mandates that encroach into deeply personal health decisions, setting a dangerous precedent that undermines the very fabric of individual liberty.

Do you believe in bodily autonomy? Then you must vote in favor of SB390. It is an inviolable right, essential for the dignity and integrity of every individual. It signifies our ability to make informed decisions about our own bodies.

Our medical freedom has been severely attacked for the last couple of years. Many citizens in Kansas were forced to choose between their medical freedom and having a job, but our actions in the Fall of 2021 saved some but did not cover everyone. That is why we need SB390.

To quote Peter McCullough, MD, epidemiologist, and world-renowned Cardiologist, "The circle of medical freedom is inextricably linked to the circle of social freedom, and that social freedom includes your family, your employment, your faith, and your citizenry in any country. And that is inextricably linked to your circle of economic freedom. Medical freedom is linked to social and economic freedom. If we allow the circle of medical freedom to be touched, let alone broken, all of the circles fracture." We cannot let that happen. We must pass SB390.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lauren Shiffman  
Lenexa, KS

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

SB 390

Proponent Testimony (written only)

February 12, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support of Senate Bill 390: the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act.

Given the mandates, lockdowns and quarantines that we in Kansas (and many other states) have had to endure since March 2020, based solely on the ever changing whims of the Governor, Secretary of Health, county commissioners and public health officers (not to mention the CDC and FDA), many of whom have not encountered a patient in practice, this Act becomes necessary to protect an individual's right to refuse including reasons of conscience.

We have also seen that the only penalties that are now effective to recompense such an individual for the discrimination (be it employment or denial of goods and services, etc.) that they have experienced is a cause of action for actual damages and injunctive relief. This bill addresses this with practical solutions.

I would appreciate your support of Senate Bill 390.

Sincerely,

David Upsdell

Senate District 10

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

SB 390

Proponent Testimony (written only)

February 12, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support of Senate Bill 390: the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act.

Given the mandates, lockdowns and quarantines that we in Kansas (and many other states) have had to experience since March 2020, based solely on the non-scientific (certainly as defined when I trained as a physician over 40 years ago) and ever changing whims of the Governor, Secretary of Health, county commissioners and public health officers (not to mention the CDC and FDA), many of whom have not encountered a patient in practice, this Act becomes necessary to protect an individual's right to refuse due to reasons of conscience.

We have also seen that the only penalties that are now effective to recompense such an individual for the discrimination (be it employment or denial of goods and services, etc.) that they have experienced is a cause of action for actual damages and injunctive relief. This the bill addresses this with practical solutions.

I would appreciate your support of Senate Bill 390.

Sincerely,

Mei Upsdell

Senate District 10

February 7, 2024

Senate Committee on Local Government  
Gaylene S. Van Horn  
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SB 390  
Proponent

Chairwoman and Committee Members,

I am a Proponent on SB 390

Enacting the conscientious right to refuse act to prohibit discrimination against individuals to refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination; repealing the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

As a resident of the United States of America, the Declaration of Independence, second paragraph of the first article states:  
“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The State of Kansas does not have the right to determine my need for medical care – this is my decision. Additionally, authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine residents of this State of Kansas and imposed penalties must be repealed.

Please pass SB 390.

Thank you.

Gaylene S. Van Horn

SB390

Proponent

Written Only Testimony

February 12, 2024

Chairwoman Gossage and members of the committee,

This legislation reinforces the importance of personal autonomy and individual decision-making. People should not be coerced into accepting medical treatments they do not believe in.

Protections from discrimination is provided for those who refuse certain medical interventions based on their conscience. I know of individuals who were forced to receive the Covid vaccination or lose their job. Many chose to leave their job. Many who chose the vaccine regret that decision, but they had a family to support and they felt as if they had no choice. A civil cause of action is also provided for those who may suffer injury due to violations of the legislation. The inclusion of this civil action would have allowed those who were forced to leave their jobs a civil remedy for damages incurred.

This legislation also eliminates the Secretary of Health and Environments authority to order isolation or quarantine and curbs potential government overreach in personal health decisions. Individuals should be allowed to make their own health decisions with regard to isolations and quarantines. I was perfectly healthy, yet I was told I should stay inside, (eliminating natural exposure to vitamin D) and if I was outside or going anywhere I needed to wear a mask. (that did absolutely no good).

This committee heard the horror stories last week during the hearing on SB352. One of your committee members, Senator Erickson had her own to share. My story pales in comparison as I was "only" kept from visiting my 90 year old mother who's dementia progressed during the isolation. So much was wrong about covid. The lockdowns, testing, isolation, vaccine mandates, mistreatments, masks, school closures, government overreach, the propaganda, the fear and so much more. We must ensure this NEVER happens again. The legislation passed during the 2021 special session was a start in the right direction, but more was promised and we have yet to see anything. I pray this committee will vote to pass this favorably out of committee and work to ensure this bill gets to the Governor's desk.

Kari Sue

Vosburgh

Sedgwick County Precinct Committeewoman

We The People KS

**DEAR CHAIR GOSSAGE AND FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS,**

**I AM PRESENTING THIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY AS PROPONENT OF SB 390.**

**AS SOMEONE WITH A COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM THAT REACTS TO VARIOUS VACCINES, SOMETIMES ENOUGH TO PUT ME INTO FULL ANAPHYLAXIS, AND LIVING 13 MILES FROM MEDICAL AID, AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.**

**THE BEST PEOPLE TO MAKE THE DECISION ON A PERSON GETTING A VACCINE ARE THE PERSON THEMSELVES WORKING WITH THEIR DOCTOR.**

**MAYBE FEELING HELPLESS WHILE WATCHING SOMEONE HAVE TROUBLE BREATHING WHILE GETTING THEM TO MEDICAL HELP DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, I CAN ASSURE YOU IT DOES BOTHER MY HUSBAND.**

**SINCERELY,**

**REBECCA WETTER**

**NORTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**