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**Testimony to the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee**

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**Bill No:** SB 391

**Opponent**

**Written testimony only**

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

I strongly oppose SB 391, which would remove critical statutes and limit our ability to enforce quarantines during outbreaks of dangerous diseases such as measles, polio, and whooping cough.

This bill poses health risks to our communities and would be a significant economic burden, as evidenced by past outbreaks where the lack of isolation and quarantine measures could have drastically increased the spread of disease and associated costs.

In short, SB 391 poses a significant threat to our community's health and wellbeing by limiting the authority of local health officers and impacting crucial statutes related to disease prevention.

It is clear that SB 391 will hurt community health and endanger the lives of Kansans. Please vote no on SB 391.

Sincerely,

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