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To Kansas Legislators:

Please support HB 2094 for a Conscientious Exemption to state-mandated vaccinations.

Kansas's religious exemption is inadequate since it restricts one to belong to a certain religious denomination with teachings against vaccinations. To avoid inquisitions into matters of faith, the religious exemption should be changed to a philosophical exemption as already recognized in many states.

AAPS recommends that vaccines and relevant information be made conveniently available to all who wish to receive them, but the right of Americans to make their own medical decisions should be respected. Like all medical interventions, vaccines have risks and benefits, which vary with individual circumstances. By official action of our General Assembly in 2000, AAPS is opposed to vaccine mandates. The Resolution is posted at: <http://www.aapsonline.org/testimony/vacresol.htm>.

AAPS is a national organization of physicians in all specialties, founded in 1943, to preserve the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship.

Thank you,

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