

Hi. My name is Kelly Smith. I am a voter in Harvey County.

I am asking you to please support HB 2094 which offers a conscientious objection to state-mandated vaccines. I am a parent of a 5-year-old girl. Every parent I know who has chosen not to vaccinate themselves or their child has done so after much reading, discussion, and careful deliberation. It is not an easy choice but is a matter of conscience and is made because the parent believes it to be in his or her own or child's best interest.

19 of our 50 states offer a conscientious objection, and there has been no link found between reported exemptions and reported diseases. Kansans should have the right to choose in regard to vaccinations for themselves and their children without penalty or discrimination.

Thank you.