Dear Committee Member,

I am writing this testimony to oppose the bill you are reviewing. The bill in reference is HB2205; which would mandate the meningitis vaccine. I want to reiterate that this bill needs to be opposed. As a Kansan and a mother these issues are extremely important to me. I have done the research, I know the studies and the statistics that prove this vaccine to be harmful and unnecessary, but you will be getting plenty of letters relaying that information to you. But to me there is a more important, one could say bigger reason, to why this bill shouldn't be passed. The founding fathers did not create this great nation to be ran in this manner; for the government to have this much control over the sovereignty of family. I believe our rights and liberties that are supposed to be upheld are getting stripped away from us. Here are some quotes that explain what the government roll is suppose to be, what our Constitution and Bill of Rights state are our unalienable rights, along with some of my personal thoughts on the matter itself.

Government members are not suppose to be lord and master over the people they were elected to serve. They were elected to serve "We The People." This is exactly why our fore fathers left England, to get away from government mandating them how to live their lives through laws.

"We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here."

~ Declaration of Independence ~

"Every step we take towards making the State our Caretaker of our lives, by that much we move towards making the State our Master."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government – lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

~ Patrick Henry ~

"Government is not reason; it is not eloquence, it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."

~ George Washington ~

"In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

~ Ronald Reagan ~

"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. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- "

~ Declaration of Independence ~

"The jaws of power are always open to devour, and her arm is always stretched out, if possible, to destroy the freedom of thinking, speaking, and writing." \sim John Adams \sim

I've been blessed with the gift of motherhood, not by the government but by my Creator, Almightily God. Which is why it is important that parental decisions remain solely to the partners with the guidance of faith and family.

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