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Dear Education Committee Members,

I am a Kansan and I support medical freedom, parental rights, vaccine exemptions (all types) and HB 2601. I do not support more vaccines being added to the current school schedule.

I currently have three children in the public school system with another one who will enter in two years. None of them are vaccinated. Prior to the birth of my first child, I read and researched a lot on the topic of vaccinations to determine what my husband and I were going to do. After my research, I concluded that the risks of vaccines outweighed the potential benefits for following the prescribed vaccination schedule.

As my children grew, I did not see an urgent or immediate need to begin vaccinations. My children were healthy. And they continue to be healthy with strong immune systems. Yes, we deal with the occasional cold, illness, etc. No, we do not have major medical issues. None of my children are allergic to anything. None of them have asthma. None of them have trouble focusing or with attention in school. None of them have ever been to a doctor for any major medical illness. I am thankful that we do not have the expense or pain or “normalization” of an ongoing medical situation. I attribute that in part to our decision to abstain from vaccinations and the injections of ingredients I consider unnatural and toxic.

Please do not add more vaccinations to the school schedule. Please fight for parental rights and the opportunity for exemptions. I would have to find alternative schooling options for my children should my rights be stripped and their health put at risk. I would not vaccinate just to keep them in their current school system.

Thank you,

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