

Dear Education Committee Members,

I am a 5th generation Kansas resident and currently reside in Overland Park with my husband and three children. I am writing to ask that you support Representative Huebert's bill, HB 2601 (school immunizations).

I do not support adding any more vaccines to the immunization schedule, nor do I agree with our legislature mandating any sort of medical procedure for any human being. My reasons are listed below.

1. Health Freedom. I believe in health freedom for everyone, on all health matters. If there is risk of any kind, there MUST be freedom of choice! NO medical procedure comes without some kind of risk to some population, no matter how small that population may be. If we begin mandating ANY kind of medical procedure, we will soon lose our personal health freedoms altogether. Nobody (doctor, education board, pharmaceutical company, school nurse, etc) knows my or my children's medical history or medical needs better than I do, and that is true for every family in Kansas. There is no medical situation where I would want to give up my right to choose what happens to my own body, or to my children's bodies. I would never give that power to a state, a doctor, an education board, or any other power, besides my spouse or close family member, whom I chose. Forcing medical procedures upon anyone without consent should be illegal, period, without exception.

2. Vaccine safety. Despite hearing over and over again, "vaccines are safe and effective," there have been ZERO double blind placebo studies done in the United States with an inert placebo. None. This is the gold standard for medical safety studies, yet we do NOT have this data for any vaccine produced today. There IS risk with vaccines, demonstrated by the \$4.2 BILLION paid out by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program through the vaccine injury court. Vaccines have not been proven safe by any study and therefore should not be mandated to ALL citizens, by any governing authority.

3. Vaccine ingredients. Vaccines contain many concerning ingredients, including animal DNA and fetal tissue from aborted human fetuses. These ingredients are listed on the actual vaccine insert that comes in the package, and are currently listed on the CDC website (manufacturers are currently trying to remove these ingredients from the printed inserts!). Not only is injecting foreign DNA and fetal cells into my body against my religious beliefs, but it is causing major health issues for many, including autoimmune diseases as the body attacks these foreign particles. Our bodies are created to fight off foreign matter that we encounter in the world through natural means (including diseases, viruses and bacteria), but injecting them directly into muscle tissue or blood stream is not something our bodies would encounter naturally. The same goes for heavy metals, formaldehyde and other ingredients which have not been tested for safety by use of injection. No human should be subjected to injecting questionable ingredients, animal or human DNA or tissue residues into their body without consent.

4. Medical costs. I personally know many families who have vaccine-injured children. While this is extremely devastating for these individual families (a separate issue entirely), the healthcare costs are astronomical for these children, and much of the burden falls on insurance companies, the state medicaid and medicare programs, our educational programs and the families themselves. From "minor" issues like allergies and ear infections to ADHD, autism spectrum disorders and autoimmune diseases, the rates of these occurrences within the vaccinated population are skyrocketing. This rise in healthcare costs for lifelong chronic illnesses like this will fall somewhere and certainly do not outweigh the costs of treating simple diseases like chicken pox or the flu for the general population.

I know dozens of families in my immediate circle of friends who feel the same way about these issues! For the reasons listed above, I urge you to support all health freedom for Kansans now and in the future.

Please vote to support Representative Huebert's bill, HB 2601!

Sincerely,

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