

Re: HB 2601

February 7, 2020

Dear Education Committee Members,

As a proud citizen of the United States, a lifelong Kansan, a former high school educator, and the father of two children injured by vaccines, **I stand firmly against vaccine mandates.** As a father, I believe it is my instinctual responsibility to protect my family. So when my wife and I began having kids, that's exactly what I attempted to do. When our pediatrician assured us that vaccines were a "safe and effective" way to protect our children from dangerous infectious diseases, we happily complied. Even as we saw the pattern of growth and development regression following each round of vaccinations and watched our babies become littered with physical and emotional challenges... we trusted the system that was telling us there was no connection. Now, I know there is.

As a former teacher in the state of Kansas and now the parent of two school-aged children, I have certainly noticed the decline in the health of children today. More and more children are suffering from allergies to food and the environment than ever before. More and more children are diagnosed with a life-altering, chronic auto-immune disease than ever before. More and more children are suffering from ADHD, depression, and anxiety... than ever before. And this is happening in the most vaccinated, developed country in the world? When you're willing to look deeper for the connection to vaccines, it's all there (and many doctors and esteemed researchers agree).

The truth is that while vaccines *may* be safe for *some* people—there is a large number of people who will be injured or even killed by them—and until any further mandates are even considered, we need to know why this happens and what we can do to prevent it. An effort the liability-free vaccine manufacturers show little interest to invest in.

Today, my family lives the "vaccine injured" life every day. We spend tens of thousands of dollars on medical care each year as we work to reverse the damage done. We hold our tear-filled children in our arms as they suffer through the physical and emotional struggle that the injuries they've sustained from vaccines cause in their lives. We know the pain vaccine injury can cause, and I assure you it is very real. People are becoming aware of this in droves, and as parents we will take necessary steps to protect our children, even if that means pulling them from public school.

This isn't about being "anti-vax." This is about protecting our children (and grandchildren)—those who've already been injured and the tens of thousands who will be if we don't take a stand.

With respect,

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