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Chairman Huebert, Ranking Member Ward, and Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2601 to limit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment from mandating additional vaccines.

Becoming a parent is one of the most paradigm shifting experiences that occurs in life, and the responsibility to care for a child is not to be taken lightly. As a parent, I firmly believe that medical choices for my child should be made with informed consent, individual and family health history, and by weighing the costs and benefits of each procedure, treatment, or drug. If after these steps I believe that my child needs a different option, I should have the right to decide that, including delaying or skipping vaccines that do not meet the above criteria.

Many questions about vaccines have unsettling answers. For example, vaccine inserts from the manufacturers say that the vaccines have “not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential or for impairment of fertility.”[1] Why would it be safe to give my child a drug that has not been evaluated for these effects, and why should it be mandated that in order for my child to receive an education I do so?

Another disconcerting example is that the dosage of a vaccine is not adjusted for weight. As parents, we are warned to make sure we dose over the counter medicines, such as pain relievers and fever reducers, accurately to ensure our children do not experience adverse effects, yet vaccines dosages are not adjusted for weight. A new study in the *Journal of Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology* concluded that when adjusted for body weight, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) vaccine schedule was 15.9 times over the recommended safe level of aluminum, an ingredient in vaccines and a known neurotoxin. [2]

In addition to ingredients that are known neurotoxins, like aluminum, many vaccines also contain human and animal DNA. Finally, vaccine inserts also list adverse reactions that have occurred after the vaccines have been on the market; these reported adverse reactions include Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.[3]

Given the evidence of harm that can and does occur in some children, a mandate is not appropriate. Where there is risk, there must be choice. As a parent who is deeply concerned over the health of her child, I respectfully ask the committee to support medical freedom and limit the power of the KDHE from mandating additional vaccines.

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[1] Package Insert for Infanrix, “Diphtheria & Tetanus Toxoids & Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed,” <https://www.fda.gov/media/75157/download>. [2] Grant McFarland, Elaine La Joie, Paul Thomas, and James Lyons-Weiler. “Acute Exposure and Chronic Retention of Aluminum in Three Vaccine Schedules and Effects of Genetic and Environmental Variation.” *Journal of Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology* 58 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtemb.2019.126444>. [3] Package Insert for Infanrix.