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Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 541

Madam Warren and members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to SB 541. My name is Ali Hilton and I am the program director for the Mid America Immunization Coalition (MAIC), a program of Nurture KC. Nurture KC is committed to health equity for all families – regardless of race, place or circumstance – beginning with a child’s birth through a continuum of care. Our mission is to reduce infant death and improve family health across the KC metro area.

It is our position that city, business, school and childcare facility officials operate in a manner that is in the best interest of communities they serve. There should not be legislation that preemptively blocks their expert assessment of future health concerns, and how they assess and decide to provide safety within those spaces. There are vast differences and unique components to all the cities, towns, and areas within the state of Kansas. To put such broad and overarching legislation in place would prohibit the ability for Kansas cities, businesses, schools and childcare facilities to adapt as needed in their specific environment as it relates to public health.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With much appreciation,

Ali Hilton