

Senate Bill 541

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Testimony Opposed to SB541

Good Morning Madam Chairperson and Committee Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit for your consideration, written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 541. I am a lifelong Kansan who has followed the governance and policy activities in this state for many years. Senate Bill 541 represents a hap-hazard cacophony of restrictions which can result in only negative effects.

These last two years have been difficult with too many lives lost. For those that are recovering or have recovered from COVID-19 infection(s), many continue to struggle with persistence health issues and are referred to as "long-haulers". It is unknown when or if their health will return to what was normal for them.

This pandemic has been devastating and Kansas could have and should have done better in limiting the losses. Medical scientists continue their efforts to protect us as we transition from pandemic to endemic and continue the work to evolve the science to develop protections against future contagious and infectious disease. In the meantime, we must respond rapidly and rationally by implementing proven strategies to limit disease transmission. SB541 places unrealistic limitations on the proven strategies available to us and is counterintuitive to protecting our children, families, communities, and our State.

I urge you to vote no on SB451.

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