



Testimony in Opposition of Senate Bill 212

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Honorable Senator Richard Hilderbrand and members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee,

My name is Lori Stubbs and I live in Mission, KS

I am a School Nurse of 14 years.

**I oppose SB 212 for the following reason**

SB 212 removes decision-making authority from vaccination experts and places it with the political body. If vaccines were listed in statute, the ability to respond to changes in a timely manner would be impaired due to the limits of the legislative process for introducing and approving bills. *Being able to react to disease based on science and timeliness is essential to preventing the spread of disease.* Vaccination is science not politics.

The reason there has been **very few** outbreaks of communicable vaccine preventable diseases in Wyandotte County is because the **science**-backed KS required vaccines for school entry is enforced by school districts through their School Nurses. School Nurses work **very hard** to educate families on the KS required school entry vaccines and why they are crucial not only to their own child's health but to public health overall. School Nurses provide not only education to families but resources and follow up also.

The process of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) implementing the ACIP recommendations has historically been effective and efficient.

**Please consider voting "no" on SB 212 in order to keep the process timely as well as keeping immunization regulation in the hands of healthcare professionals.**

Sincerely,  
Lori Stubbs