



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 Meagan Schaefer and I live in Olathe, Kansas.

I am a nurse, mom, former teacher, and coach.

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 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,
Meagan Schaefer