

March 18, 2021

RE: In support of SB 212

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

I am Deborah Latendresse of Topeka, Kansas in Shawnee County, Senate District 18. I am a wife and mother of eight children. We have lived in the Topeka area for over 35 years. I have watched with concern as the list of required vaccines for Kansas children has grown and grown over these 35+ years.

Today I want to pledge my support of SB 212. I would like to see the authority to mandate vaccine schedules for Kansas children taken from KDHA and given back to the collective body of our elected legislators. KDHA is not a representative body elected by Kansans, therefore, they are not accountable to Kansas citizens for decisions they make mandating vaccines for our children. If Kansas continues to allow unchecked medical authority then Kansans and Kansas children will be harmed.

I thank you so much for your service to our state, for the time you have and will put into making a decision on this matter. I will keep you and our state in my prayers and I will be listening to the hearing on Monday, March 22.

Sincerely,
Deborah Latendresse
KS Senate District 18