

In Support of SB 212

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Attention Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members:

I am writing to you, to urge you to support Senate Bill 212. This is a paramount step in protecting our most vulnerable, and holding accountable those at KDHE who are making biased decisions for them. Our children are already saddled with a heavy vaccination requirement. The power and authority to require even more should not be left to a single, unelected official working without proper oversight and boundaries. Senate Bill 212 provides this must needed protection by giving power of decision back to our collective body of elected legislators.

It is no secret that vaccine developers are granted indemnity, and over 4 billion dollars has been paid to families that have a loved one who suffered adverse reactions, or died following vaccination. Before anymore vaccines are added to the childhood immunization schedule, there must be safeguards in place to prevent anymore tragedy. We must not allow KDHE sole authority in this decision. There should be more opportunity and autonomy for parents and caregivers in this area.

As a medical professional myself, I have enormous concern over the credibility and integrity of the officials at KDHE. Over the past year, we have seen inconsistencies, blatant disregard of WHO and CDC recommendations, as well as authorization of invalid testing protocols related to Covid-19. I ask you, how are parents expected to trust these same individuals to make proper and safe decisions for their children's health?

Your support of SB 212 is an important step in protecting our children, and putting in place accountability that is desperately lacking. This will provide the peace of mind that parents need during such difficult and unchartered times.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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