

March 18, 2021

RE: In Support of SB 212

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

I am writing today to voice my support for SB 212 and reigning in the power of the KDHE to add vaccines of the childhood vaccination schedule. I do not support unelected bureaucrats having the power to add vaccines at their own whim. We saw what happened in 2019 when they suddenly added the Meningitis and Hepatitis A vaccines to the childhood schedule. They didn't even follow the rules, and they faced zero ramifications.

What was most upsetting about adding Meningitis and Hepatitis A, was that for each of these illnesses, there were 4 or less cases in the entire state for each of the previous 4 years. In a state of 2,900,000, that is hardly an epidemic worth forcing unnecessary vaccines upon school children. Legislators and the public were unable to provide any input or approval.

The truth is that vaccines have side effects that are under-reported to VAERS. My own family and friend group is filled with stories of vaccine injury. I myself had recurring ear infections as a baby, toddler and child, and looking back in my records, it was always 2 – 4 weeks following vaccine injections. My Grandma got brachial neuritis from the flu shot and suffered from nerve pain in her arms, shoulder and neck for more than 2 years. My cousin's daughter suffered from Henoch-Schonlein Purpura for years; she is now 14 years old and has lost 40% of her kidney function. That condition is listed as a side effect of vaccine inserts of the MMR, flu & varicella vaccines. My adult cousin experienced terrible gastrointestinal damage following the Tdap vaccine in 2012 and is still recovering. My friend's son was injured from his 4 month vaccines and experienced cry encephalitis following those injections, which was high-pitched screaming for 7 hours per day for months on end. There are real side effects from vaccines, and on a cumulative basis, the ingredients build up in the body and can cause many types of reactions over the course of time. Adding unnecessary vaccines causes insult to injury.

It is common knowledge that the current KDHE works closely with the Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC). The IKC is affiliated with and receives funding from all major vaccine manufacturers: GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Sanofi Pasteur, and more, and to me, that is a clear conflict of interest. A question we need to ask is, to what extent is money from these pharmaceutical companies - companies that have been convicted of fraud for lying about the safety of their products - influencing the KDHE's vaccine recommendations?

Are KDHE and its close ally, IKC, looking out for the best interests of Kansans or the pharmaceutical industry?

With more than 200 vaccines in the pipeline, please support SB 212, which will prohibit Dr. Lee Norman and the KDHE from adding vaccines to the childhood schedule without legislative oversight. Let's allow parents to make their own medical choices between themselves and their physicians without bureaucratic coercion.

Sincerely,
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