

Written Testimony In support of SB 212

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Committee members:

I was a microbiologist with pharmaceutical giant Merck and witnessed firsthand the ability of my company to create biased science to support sales. They also had an army of reps who made sure the biased science was read more by scientists, doctors, public health officials and legislators than contradictory science.

Since leaving Merck, I learned that pharmaceutical companies have been repeatedly found guilty of fraud, conflicts of interest and hiding evidence of harm from their products – collectively contributing to millions of American deaths (Vioxx, Opioids, Tamiflu, antidepressants etc.) So I was really troubled to learn that when it comes to vaccines, government gives them complete immunity from liability. This is a tragic combination, that makes it all the more important that we have full public hearings with vigorous discussion of the science including risks and benefits, before mandating any pharmaceutical product for all children to take. The decision to mandate must be made by elected officials directly accountable to citizens and parents.

I have also become aware that a large body of published science (which was never discussed in my immunology classes, nor during my employ with Merck) suggests vaccines have had tragic unintended consequences including autoimmunity and allergies which have increased as more vaccines were mandated. No studies disprove that vaccines (intended to alter immune function) are causing these immune dysfunctions and public health officials who assert that vaccine benefits outweigh the risks for most people are flying blind.

We grew up hearing polio vaccine prevented epidemic paralysis – and never that it unleashed a cancer causing monkey virus (SV40) on the human population. Nor do we hear that polio was *endemic* in humans for millennia *without epidemics of paralysis ever being observed – UNTIL we implemented public health interventions* (like intramuscular injections, tonsillectomies, or DDT that provoked its paralytic expression (while preventing polio exposure in babies still protected by maternal antibodies, when it did not paralyze but lead to lifelong immunity.) Our current polio mythology is not supported by facts. A 1961 Chicago Tribune article even states: “For every case of known paralytic polio there are about a 1000 subclinical cases so mild they pass unnoticed.” Evidence also suggests many cases counted as polio – were actually misdiagnosed in the mass panic -- For example FDR probably had Guillain-Barre, not polio.

Now add to all of that, the fact that the currently used polio vaccine (a killed vaccine), which we've been told is vital to prevent spread of polio – is documented to ONLY prevent polio symptoms in the person vaccinated, **but does NOT prevent them having and spreading the virus**, meaning it does NOT protect the herd!

In fact you might be surprised to learn that the “herd immunity” argument isn't relevant to many of the currently mandated vaccines. Tetanus is not a communicable disease, the vaccine for Diphtheria, is a toxoid – and does not prevent infection and transmission with the causative bacteria, and Pertussis outbreaks have been repeatedly and widely documented around the world in highly vaccinated populations going back at least 30 years! Pertussis vaccine turns people into asymptomatic spreaders who present a bigger risk of spread to vulnerable infants – because unlike an unvaccinated person, with Pertussis who has an obvious cough and so can be avoided, people vaccinated against Pertussis can have and spread it with no symptoms at all.

Anyone arguing that the state must force medical interventions against the wishes of individuals, for the purpose of protecting the community is using this argument to support product sales for which no such justification can actually be made.

With three more potentially dangerous vaccines poised to be added to state mandates (HVP, Influenza and COVID) it is critical that a single, unelected public health official NOT be allowed to make such a decision on behalf of our entire state. Before additional, highly profitable, liability-free drugs are forced, one-size-fits-all on Kansas children, we must have full hearings, where the public and all stakeholders can present evidence, and then our elected officials make the decision. We need SB 212 to protect us from pharmaceutical industry tyranny and provide a check on the 1986 Vaccine act, which unleashed a vaccine arms race, that is harming children for the benefit of pharmaceutical company profits.

Please vote for SB 212.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Farb