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RE: In support of SB212

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members –

I am in support of SB212 that would move the power to make new vaccine requirements out of the hands of a single person (head of the KDHE) and into the hands of legislators who would take input from their constituents.

As we have learned through 2020, there are a lot of poor decisions made, especially in the midst of fear. What's worse is that there are many who are drawn to financial incentives, whether directly or indirectly. While most legislators are not medical professionals, you are elected officials that are there as a representative government, representing the voice of the people who would be affected by new vaccine requirements.

Dr. Lee Norman has on several occasions been called out even in the national news for misrepresenting data (aka borderline lying). And I'm not just calling him out but anyone who takes that office in the future may or may not be a person of integrity. And even if they are, one person or group of paid individuals should not have the power to dictate something that has the potential for side effects ranging from mild to death.

This bill would not change the current vaccine schedule, but it would provide protection from someone single-handedly adding new vaccines to the schedule. You may recall two more vaccines were added to the schedule in 2019 and proper protocol was not even followed. While it was later 'fixed,' the point is that one bully charged in to get his objective met. There are other vaccines in the wings including flu and rotavirus and of course, Covid-19. Have you looked at how many vaccines children receive as compared to when we were growing up? Is the health of our nation improving or going downhill? I will let you answer that but safe to say, more vaccines are not improving the health of our nation.

Please protect the rights of Kansans. Bring the power out of the KDHE and into the hands of legislators who are listening to their constituents. Vaccines are never without risks and vaccine manufacturers are shielded from any liability whatsoever. Visit [vaers.hhs.gov](http://vaers.hhs.gov) if you would like more information on injuries from various vaccines.

Thank you for your time and your support of this bill.

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