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Please vote yes to SB212.

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members –

I am unsure how a member of the KDHE, an appointed position, can mandate much of anything, let alone additional vaccines for our children with the stroke of a pen. This is an abuse of power and the legislature of Kansas needs to take this type of power away from this appointed position and it needs to be back with the KS legislature.

These types of decisions/mandates are much too important for one person to make a sweeping decision for all KS children. There needs to be discussion on the topic, we need to understand and educate parents and caregivers on any new proposed vaccine in order to provide the parents of KS Children adequate facts from fiction when it comes to these very important decisions. Vaccines can injure and even result in death, not just in children but in adults as well. Children are the Future of this nation and given the exponential rise in mandated vaccines from 1962 (**3 Vaccines, 5 Doses**), 1983 (**4 V and 23 D**) to present, 2021 (**13 Vaccines and 68 Doses**), we must take a serious look at what we mandate and what powers are given to individuals and institutions, even well-meaning institutions.

After the 1986 passage of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), the number of vaccines has exploded along with the requirements for them. This act removed vaccine manufactures legal and financial liability for injury and death caused by vaccines. This is too big of a decision to give it to one person and allow them to speak for the whole of the state of Kansas and for all of Kansas's children. Please put this type of power and decision back in the hands of the KS Legislature.

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