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In Support of SB212

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

The year 2020 (and now, 2021) revealed the harm of an unelected official having unbridled power. Across our nation, public health officials made life-impacting decisions for Americans—decisions that should be made by only those who represent the people—those who have been elected and are held accountable for their decisions.

Our current Secretary of Health has shown himself to be untrustworthy, with his infamous release of the purposely deceptive graph showing that mask-mandated counties fared better with controlling covid than did counties without mask mandates. In reality, the statistics revealed exactly the opposite. In addition to being dishonest, Dr. Norman has very close ties with the pharma-funded Immunize Kansas Coalition. Clearly, he is compromised. We cannot assume that he has Kansans' best interest at heart given his partisan actions and his intimacy with pharmaceutical companies which stand to gain much by Norman's orders. We cannot assume that the next Health Secretary will be any different. **This position is unelected—not accountable to Kansans.**

The decision to add vaccines to the Kansas schedule should not be taken lightly. Vaccines can and do cause injury and death, which is why the US Congress deemed them "unavoidably unsafe." Putting this power in the hands of one who is beholden to the Governor and vulnerable to the multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical industry by sheer nature of the job, is putting the power in the **WRONG** place.

Our blessed freedom comes from the Lord, and a government that is of the **people**, by the **people**, and for the **people**. Return the power to the people by voting YES to SB212.

Respectfully,
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