

22rs2356/22rs2357

sandy aberle <sjaberle@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:53 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear legislators:

It has come to my attention that you are addressing the "vaccine" mandate. Please think this through thoroughly, leaving no "wiggle room" for future problems. Specifically, I find it ironic that for the last 50 years, I have been told that "it is my body and my choice" in terms of abortion. Now I am basically being told my body belongs to the government. No, it does not...only I and my God own my body. What is more ludicrous is that religious exemptions are vilified and my natural immunity (after surviving the man made virus) is ignored. Please do your best in addressing this situation and know that we who elected you are carefully watching what you are doing.

Sincerely,
Sandra J Aberle
Sabetha, KS

Sent from my iPhone

Special Committee on Government Overreach

John W. Anderson <vajuan@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:09 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To Members:

From: John W Anderson
Prairie Village, KS

RE: Proposal: 22RS2356 (Employer Vaccine Mandates)
22RS2357 (Unemployment Issue if an exemption is denied)

I am against both proposals.

The issue is about more than the above. It is about violating our individual freedom and taking away our ability to make decisions based on our own preferences/beliefs along with advice and feelings from family. The U.S. Constitution clearly states that the government can not infringe on our individual liberties, INCLUDING medical procedures, injections and tests. Such liberties are part of the concept of Informed Consent, and what a concept it is. I don't care whether the subject is a shot, a job, a school or any other PERSONAL decision to be made, it is up to me, not Big Brother, to make it.

I am scared for America and I am furious. I am also WATCHING. We are continually asked for "the solution." Well I have it. It's not in a medical lab. It is at the Ballot Box.

Thank you for your service.

John Anderson

Affidavit Signature for Special Committee on Government Overreach

Jeff Auslander <jauslander@shipdx.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:21 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

This is my written testimony to protect personal autonomy, freedom, and keep medical decisions up to free Kansas and in privacy. As one of the fastest growing companies in Kansas, I hope to continue to employ more and more Kansans without the Federal Government having overreach to do so.

You have my full support on the two bill being presented:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Thank you and keep fighting the good fight for Kansans and their freedoms! Jeff Auslander



Jeff Auslander | CEO & Managing Partner

Direct: (913) 904-5131 | Cell: (913) 638-6867 | www.dynamiclogstix.com



I have worked at Ascension Via Christi in Wichita, Kansas for 11 years as a Respiratory Therapist. I filed for a religious exemption for the Covid -19 vaccine and it was denied. They allowed me to add more information but that was all that was in the email. I added more information and it was also denied. I was not told why it was denied. I have cared for multiple patients in the hospital who were fully vaccinated and still found themselves in the hospital with Covid-19. Some of them ended up on the ventilator. Some of them even died of Covid-19. I have spoken to some patients who shared with me that after they received the vaccine, they started having heart trouble or blood clotting issues.

Angelica Ayers RRT

Covid mandates

Renee Badami <rcbadami85@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:55 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

Please see below information and sign the two bills in question, to protect the citizens of Kansas.

There are two bills being presented:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Neither bill takes into consideration the protection of your personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of your freedom to make your own medical decisions and the right to keep those decisions private. We need to ask legislation to add language into these bills.

We have always had medical freedom and now Biden Administration wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become your decision maker of your health. Your employer should not be fined for not mandating your health; we simply cannot allow this to happen.

Thank you,

Renee Badami
Overland Park, KS, 66221
913.220.9544 cell number

Special Session

Ken <kbsagasu@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:25 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Asking for additional language to legislation below:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

to ensure the protection of our personal autonomy on our own medical decisions and keep them private.

Ken Baker

rs2356 and rs2357

Denise Barber <denisebarber11@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 9:35 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a Kansas resident.

My medical decisions for my personal body are my own! Not my employers or the governments!

My employer should not be fined or penalized for my personal medical decisions!

My health and healthcare is between me and my doctor. I do not wish to have my privacy violated by my employer or the people who work for me, the government body.

Denise Barber

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Chairman Erickson and Committee Members:

I support calling a special session and support bill number 22rs2357. Despite my support of the bill, I am also disappointed that it does not go far enough in ensuring our fundamental inalienable rights and liberties. I cautiously give my support, but also expect to see much more work done to preserve our rights and bodily autonomy in the coming session if it can't be taken care of urgently. I live in Missouri, but work in Kansas, so this has a great effect on me.

Nicole Bassett

Kansas City, MO

November 10, 2021

PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR BILL 22RS2357

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members:

Bill 22RS2357 does not go far enough to protect my **right to refuse** any medical procedure to include the Covid 19 vaccine mandate.

Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED.

Add a conscientious objection to religious and medical exemptions. Other states have it, and Kansans want it also.

All workers must be protected—medical, nursing homes, aviation workers, federal workers—**ALL WORKERS.**

All children, all students of all ages in all institutions need to be protected—children attending school, adults attending nursing school, trade schools, and colleges. A **Right to Refuse** bill would cover all of these situations.

All unemployment payments should be retroactive from July 1—so that workers who have lost jobs can have their jobs back with full benefits, compensation, and damages.

Please review Montana's HB 702. There is information on Discrimination based on Vaccination Status or Passport—that Kansans need protection from also.

<https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billpdf/HB0702.pdf>

PLEASE PROPOSE A SIMPLE RIGHT TO REFUSE BILL. This type of bill would protect my health freedom. This would eliminate having to cover protection for every citizen's specific situation. **WE SIMPLY MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT.**

Thank you. I am praying for you to make right and Godly decisions for all Kansans—every age, every worker, and every individual situation.

Cindy Bauer
4102 Harrison Street
Hays, KS 67601

Written testimony bill drafts 22RS2356 and 22RS2357

Paul B <pnbauer@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:38 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Paul Bauer. I'm pediatric critical care physician. I don't believe that the covid vaccines should be mandated on several grounds: the long term safety is not established. The short term safety is very poor: thousands of deaths have been published on VAERS. The vaccines do not prevent infection or diminish spread.

The COVID 19 vaccines do not meet any historic thresholds for either efficacy or safety. Because of this, the vaccines must remain a personal decision wherein informed consent is given.

I strongly object to any vaccine mandate for COVID 19.

I support not only religious exemptions, but also personal refusal.

I support forcing businesses to pay back benefits to employees for work lost due to job termination for refusing vaccination against COVID 19.

I support bill drafts 22RS2356 and 22RS2357.

Sincerely,

Paul Bauer, MD

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS
and AEROSPACE WORKERS, DISTRICT LODGE #70**

3830 S. MERIDIAN · WICHITA, KANSAS 67217
PHONE 316-522-1591 · FAX 316-522-7989



November 10, 2021

Kansas Legislature
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Dear Legislators,

As your constituent, I am writing today regarding bill draft numbers 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 and to urge Governor Kelly to call for the special session immediately. In my opinion, even waiting until November 22nd is too late.

This mandate is making our members choose between feeding their families and working. But not only that, our government continues to punish the workers, by keeping them from drawing unemployment. Did they not contribute to unemployment, the community, and the companies? I understand the theory and the reasoning to fighting for unemployment. But our community and workforce continue to suffer being forced to make this horrible decision by the lack of calling this session. It amazes me that not long ago aerospace workers, as well as our nurses and doctors, were all considered essential workers and made to feel that way. But our lack of urgency from our governor to stop this overreach is embarrassing and unforgettable.

Any way you look at it, we are suffering in this community waiting on answers from leaders who say they value us, our jobs, and our opinions but continuously let us down when it comes to our jobs and opinions. My district had to hire an attorney to fight Spirit AeroSystems and Textron Aviation over acceptance of our religious and medical exemptions. Who would have thought in a million years, we as a nation would have to hire an attorney to fight for your constitutional right to religion? How can a company have someone qualified enough to question my belief, my faith, or my religion? We can't allow companies to question any of those with no repercussions.

I am asking for the Governor to demand opening the special session immediately.

Fraternally

Cornell Beard
President/DBR
IAMAW, District 70

November 10th, 2021

Committee Members,

I am a proponent of the bill 22rs2357 that supports security for those who choose not to get the COVID-19 shot and lose their job. Health choices should be considered with a person and their doctor, not part of an employer's requirement. As individuals we have to consider the risks and benefits when contemplating a health procedure. If the risks outweigh the benefits, a person should not be faced with taking those risks or losing their job and a way to provide for their family. I urge you to consider passing a bill that protects Kansan's health freedom and our right to refuse emergency countermeasures. Though this bill is not strong enough in protecting Kansans, it does offer some hope to those who are being pressured by their employers.

Thank you for your time.

Jerri Beesley
Healy, Kansas
Written testimony only

Re: 22rs2356 & 22rs2357

Todd Blackwell <twb311@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:27 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning,

The 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandates will have another hearing [this Friday November 12, 2021 @ 10am](#).

There are two bills being presented:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Neither bill take into consideration the protection of my personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of my freedom to make my own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private. I am asking for legislation to add language into these bills.

I have always had medical freedom and now the government wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become my decision maker of my health. My employer should not be fined for not mandating my health; we simply cannot allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

Todd Blackwell

Addressing 22rs2356 and 22rs2357 Bills

Name: Germaine Buck

My Position: Must eliminate both Bills!!

There is clearly government over reach involved in both Bills. Neither of these Bills are necessary!!! All medical procedures and decisions of medical procedures should not be brought into the work force! Every Employer or employee should have the right to make decisions about what they think is best for them individually, and there body in regard to getting a vaccination/shot. Your employer should never make a mandate or medical decision for any individual!! That is unconstitutional!! Neither of these Bills address injuries of the Vaccination. Neither of these Bills address the right to autonomy. Both of these Bills violate individual privacy laws and HIPPA violations. Health issues are between the doctor and patient. Covid 19 or any other Vaccination does not stop SarsCoV2 or any of the variants from spreading from person to person. So far it also does not show that it lessens symptoms. Employers will be chasing their tail with trying to mandate a Covid 19 shot or Booster, because it will be causing a new variant, and this current shot and boosters are already obsolete, they do not work because the virus has already changed to a new variant! This is absolutely insane! God gave us an immune system and it works perfectly as long as we do not ruin it by getting injections/shots/vaccines. It's extremely critical that healthy people get the virus naturally and overcome it on their own. Which gives you life long immunity!! And gives the population Herd Immunity!! No one should ever be forced to get a medical procedure, let alone have an employer make that decision for you! Bills should be designed to help people, not harm people! As for unemployment benefits, the employer should not be put in this position. You can not determine these out comes properly, because there are too many unknown factors involved. In the 22rs2357 Bill, there isn't any language involving vaccine injury, when an employer forces an employee to get the shot and the employee becomes injured. Currently this shot has caused over 1 Million adverse reactions, over 18,000 deaths, over 160,000 hospitalizations, over 40,000 new lifelong diseases that doctors have no clue how to treat! Employers have no business mandating this shot. And if the employer does mandate the shot, every employee

should have the right to receive unemployment for their decision to choose exemptions from getting this shot. And every employee should have the employer pay for all medical damages that are caused by the shot. The employee needs to be protected if an employer is forcing a vaccine on an employee! Both Bills should be eliminated!!!!

Sincerely,

Germaine Buck

22RS2357 - Proponent

It is critical to allow Kansans access to unemployment benefits should they be terminated due to not complying with a vaccine mandate. This would cause at least some, if not a majority of employers to reconsider terminating employees based on their vaccination status. I have no issues with vaccines and do not subscribe to conspiracy theories about the vaccine, but I do reserve the right to make my own medical decisions based on a risk/benefit analysis with my doctor. Regardless of an individuals reasoning for not wanting the vaccine, we should not be coerced by a government to choose between a forced medical treatment or our ability to earn a living. I believe Kansas should be doing more to penalize businesses who terminate employees based on vaccinated status, but this is a positive step in the right direction to protect Kansans from the unconstitutional overreach of the federal government.

Thank you.

Dave Burns

22RS2357 - Proponent

Regardless of an individual's reasoning for not wanting a vaccine, we should not be coerced by a government to take a medical treatment to remain employed. It is crucial to allow Kansans access to their unemployment benefits should they be terminated due to not complying with a vaccine mandate. This may also cause some, if not a majority of employers to reconsider terminating employees based on their vaccination status. We spent millions to keep them employed last year and now they should be fired? Did OSHA study the economic and psychological consequences of removing part of our workforce? I have no issues with the vaccine and am glad it is available to those who choose to take it, but we all reserve the right to make medical decisions based on a risk/benefit analysis with a doctor. I believe Kansas should be doing more to penalize businesses who terminate employees based on vaccine status, but at least this protects Kansans from losing their wages if the unconstitutional overreach of the federal government is not stopped in court.

Thank you.

Devon Burns

RS 2356 & RS 2357

Genevieve Burt <genevieve.burt@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:22 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for hard work and your consideration.

Please add language into rs2356 nor rs2357 to protect citizens' personal autonomy, freedom to make our own medical decisions, and the right to keep those decisions private.

The private, patient doctor relationship should be the only thing that factors into a citizen's private health choices.

Government via private employers should never influence citizens' private health decisions.

Employers should not be fined for not mandating health decisions.

My husband should not have had to apply for a religious exemption in order to protect his body from an unwanted vaccine and his keep his job. Biden's mandate is unconstitutional, Unconstitutional, UnAmerican and offensive to citizens God-given liberty.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Burt
Kansas City, KS

November 10, 2021

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for meeting and for your consideration of 22rs2356 and 22rs2357. I would like to submit this written testimony in support of these resolutions.

Please add into these bills explicit protection of personal autonomy; and protection of our freedom to make our own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private.

We want all workers protected – medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. So many will not be helped by these bills in their current form. The health status of an employee should not be the business of an employer. Please have these bills be retroactive from July 1, so those that employees who lost jobs can have their jobs back with full benefits, compensation, and damages.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Anna Busenitz

Bill numbers 22rs2356/22rs2357

Elaine Cavener <ecavener@icloud.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:01 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

It is my opinion that the government has no business determining my decisions about my body and whether it should have a substance injected into it. I am fully vaccinated and intend to get my booster in the near future, but that is my decision and neither I nor the government should be able to dictate that anyone else do so. It is private business!! Please add language to the two above bills, or write entirely new ones, to state that the government has no right to take away this liberty! I urge you to vote against these bills in their current form.

Elaine Cavener
Overland Park, KS

Sent from my iPad

22RS2357 Proponent

I am in support of the bill 22RS2357. I believe that Kansans should have the right to obtain unemployment benefits should they lose their job as a result of failure to comply with the Covid 19 Vaccine Mandate. What is happening in our communities is devastating. Not the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus itself, but the overreach of the current administration to mandate a one-size-fits-all approach for every American citizen. We know it won't stop with the current mandates, which are not laws. We are going to lose tax dollars in both state and federal dollars from workers who lose the right to work. These are good people who have been contributing members of society. Our economy will shrink as a result of the tightening of the belt on many families budgets as they adjust to sole or no income. The strain on society will continue to be felt through our welfare system as families cannot provide food and shelter if this continues.

All of this is reversible. Issue a stay on the mandate altogether. But if that cannot be achieved, then allow those hardworking Kansans to receive benefits for losing their jobs.

Sincerely,

Ginnie Ely

November 10, 2021

Subject: Bill: 22rs2357; Proponent with Additional Protections Requested

Dear Kansas Legislators and Staff:

Would you please support efforts to reduce the draconian tactics used to force vaccines on our workforce and civilians? As you do so, please protect the personal autonomy of Kansas residents. Legislation considered should protect our freedom to make our own medical decisions. Legislation should protect our right to keep those decisions private. The Biden administration wants to destroy these long-standing medical freedoms. They want to remove the patient-doctor relationship and replace it with government bureaucrats and private employers who will do their will and mandate my personal health choices. This is wrong. Please do not stand for this. My employer should not be afraid of being fined for failing to mandate my health. My employer has no business mandating my health, and neither does your employer. Please take action to preserve our rights and limit the overreach of government and employers.

Thank you

Matt Cox



REQUEST FOR A RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION TO THE COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

Government-wide policy requires all Federal employees as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2105 to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with exceptions only as required by law. In certain circumstances, Federal law may entitle a Federal employee who has a religious objection to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement to an exception from that requirement, in which case the employee would instead comply with alternative health and safety protocols. The Federal Government is committed to respecting the important legal protections for religious liberty. The purpose of this form is to determine whether you may be eligible for an exception.

To be eligible for a possible exception, you must first establish that your refusal to be vaccinated is based upon a sincere belief that is religious in nature. A refusal to be vaccinated does not qualify for an exception if it is based upon personal preference, concerns about the possible effects of the vaccine, or political opinions.

In order to request a religious exception, please fill out this form. The agency may ask for other information as needed to determine if you are legally entitled to an exception.

Signing this form constitutes a declaration that the information you provide is, to the best of your knowledge and ability, true and correct. Any intentional misrepresentation to the Federal Government may result in legal consequences, including termination or removal from Federal Service.

QUESTIONS:

1. Please describe the nature of your objection to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement.
2. Would complying with the COVID-19 vaccination requirement substantially burden your religious exercise? If so, please explain how.
3. How long have you held the religious belief underlying your objection?
4. Please describe whether, as an adult, you have received any vaccines against any other diseases (such as a flu vaccine or a tetanus vaccine) and, if so, what vaccine you most recently received and when, to the best of your recollection.
5. If you do not have a religious objection to the use of all vaccines, please explain why your objection is limited to particular vaccines.
6. If there are any other medicines or products that you do not use because of the religious belief underlying your objection, please identify them.
7. Please provide any additional information that you think may be helpful in reviewing your request.

I declare to the best of my knowledge and ability that the foregoing is true and correct.

Print name

Employee signature

Date

Agency you work for:

Supervisor name:

Agency official action on request:

Approve

Deny

Agency official remarks:

Agency official signature:

Date:

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: We are authorized to collect the information requested on this form pursuant to Executive Order 13991, Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing (Jan. 20, 2021), Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Program for Federal Employees (Feb. 26, 1980), and 5 U.S.C. chapters 11, and 79.

Purpose: This information is being collected and maintained to promote the safety of Federal buildings and the Federal workforce consistent with the above-referenced authorities, the COVID-19 Workplace Safety: Agency Model Safety Principles established by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force, and guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Routine Uses: While the information requested on this form is intended to be used primarily for internal purposes, in certain circumstances it may be necessary to disclose this information externally, for example to disclose information to: a Federal, State, or local agency to the extent necessary to comply with laws governing reporting of communicable disease or other laws concerning health and safety in the work environment; to adjudicative bodies (e.g., the Merit System Protection Board), arbitrators, and hearing examiners to the extent necessary to carry out their authorized duties regarding Federal employment; to contractors, grantees, or volunteers as necessary to perform their duties for the Federal Government; to other agencies, courts, and persons as necessary and relevant in the course of litigation, and as necessary and in accordance with requirements for law enforcement; or to a person authorized to act on your behalf. A complete list of the routine uses can be found in the system of records notice associated with this collection of information, OPM/GOVT-10, Employee Medical File System of Records, [75 Fed. Reg. 35099 \(June 21, 2010\)](#), amended [80 Fed. Reg. 74815 \(Nov. 30, 2015\)](#).

Consequence of Failure to Provide Information: Employees must certify under penalty of perjury that the documentation they are submitting is true and correct. Providing this information is mandatory. If you fail to provide this information within the requested timeframe, you will be subject to administrative action, up to and including removal from Federal Service.

Bill #22rs2357 Written testimony only

Wed 11/10/2021 4:38 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To: Senators and Representatives protecting the rights of "We The People"!!!

This is a simple call for justice. Under the constitution we the people have rights and are able to make choices that are best for ourselves and our families. You are meeting to discuss the passing of bill #22rs2356 which addresses the employer vaccine mandate. In no way is this a legal or constitutional mandate. We voted you into office to protect our constitutional rights. There is no way you can vote yes on this bill in good conscious due to the fact that this MRNA injection has not even met the trial date yet for safety and it is evident that many injuries have taken place in all age groups. This should be alarming to you! There are many of your supporters that are watching closely on how you show your true concern for our safety and God given right for our freedoms. Please vote no for all mandates! This virus has such a high survival rate without this poison being injected that it is senseless to approve and order such a mandate.

As for the next bill #22rs2357 why wouldn't you be able to receive unemployment if you are forced to leave your place of employment due to an injection that is forcing you to comply or give up your constitutional right to be free to choose what is best for you. Will this open the door to many more lies, bullying and future mandates? This is a no brainer! You are putting people out of work and unable to be hired anywhere else because of the mandate. You will be responsible for literally ruining peoples lives. They will need income so if they are willing to work, they should receive unemployment benefits if they are told they can't work. It hasn't seemed to bother any of you with the handouts you have given to so many that abused this unemployment payment during Covid 19. What kind of leaders would push such an agenda? Put yourself in the shoes of these people that are losing everything to stand for what they believe in. If our leaders keep voting against our constitutional rights and thinking they are above God to not allow us to make our own choices maybe someday you will be in their shoes!

I am a registered nurse who will not concede to a mandate of any kind. I will give up everything I have worked for to be free of this overreaching government control.

VOTE YES ON BILL #22rs2356

VOTE YES ON BILL #22rs2357

Thank you,
Deborah D. Czapanskiy
2675 Quail Road
Clyde, Kansas 66938
785-243-5962

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates 22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

George Davis <georgedavis67@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:05 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates
22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

My health is my business. Not my jobs, not congress, not the president. You will witness a shortage unlike any you've seen if these issues are not addressed. We need to end vaccine mandates. Period. Unemployment should be provided if a business decides to force vaccines on people. Today I'm asking you to vote against vaccine mandates. Period. No IF's & 's or BUT's. We have the freedom we have the power. As a blue collar tax payer of this country, we will fight this.

Individually We Speak; United We are Heard©

WRITTEN-only Testimony of Jeffrey Davis as a proponent of 22rs2357

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

I submit this testimony in support of the concepts outlined in RS-22rs2357.

This proposed bill is good but I would recommend edits that remove language that limit these changes to only addressing COVID-19 vaccinations. It should address any vaccination mandated by an employer and allow employees their rights to medical choice and freedom.

I am concerned about broad laws that give the government expansive powers in the case of a health emergency or bioterrorism emergency. I want our state to have laws that protects the right of citizens to decline treatments, and other countermeasures, in the event of any health emergency.

Thank you for your consideration of these health freedom. This issue is extremely important to me and my family as we work to preserve and maintain our health while also protecting our fundamental right to make our own decisions about how to do so.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Davis
3004 Claflin Rd.
Manhattan, KS 66503
785-776-9053

Don't pass.. These 2 Bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357 NEED REVISION!

Dr. Robyn DeSautel <drrobyn.psfh@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:33 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Neither bill take into consideration the protection of your personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of your freedom to make your own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private. We need to ask legislation to add language into these bills.

We have always had medical freedom and now Biden Administration wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become your decision maker of your health. Your employer should not be fined for not mandating your health; we simply cannot allow this to happen.

kind Regards,
Dr. Robyn
206-313-2811

Dr. Robyn DeSautel, DC, BCIM, DMBBT

Dear Chairman Erickson and Committee Members,

Thank you for meeting to determine how to help Kansans during this time of uncertainty and unconstitutional overreach by the federal government. Thank you for considering bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357. While we support the bills, we believe there needs to be more editing done in particular with bill 22rs2356. There needs to be more protection for Kansans. There should be no vaccine mandates or mask mandates whatsoever. We want language added for the right to conscientious objection. We want ALL Kansas employees protected. We want our privacy. Our employers don't have the right to know our health status. We want a bill that protects our health freedom and a right to refuse emergency countermeasures. We want the bill to be retroactive from July 1, 2021 for all our friends who have already lost their jobs for refusing experimental drugs. We're amazed any of this actually has to happen since we already have Constitutional rights that should have covered all of this, but please move forward quickly to recover our freedoms.

Thank you,

Brian & Mara Dowling

Vaccine Mandates

Chris <chris@goclones.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:48 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

The following bills must include provisions for personal autonomy and religious freedom. What has been enacted by executive order by the Biden administration regarding vaccine mandates is unconstitutional and violates a number of freedoms. Not the least of which is religious freedom. We do not support this executive order nor any vaccine mandate.

22rs2356
22rs2357

Chris Duffy
Olathe

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

Nov. 10, 2021

To: **Kansas Senator Renee Erickson, chair of 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates**

Re: Legislative proposals being considered Friday, Nov. 12, 2021

Bill Number 22rs2356

And

Bill Number 22rs2357

From: **Mary Jane Dunlap**, Kansas resident

1648 Pennsylvania St, Lawrence KS 66044

Opposed to legislative proposals

I ask that you give the Kansas residents an opportunity to learn more about these proposed laws regarding COVID-19 mandates before you act.

I have tried to read the two bills and find that I have many questions trying to understand their purpose and impact.

I am 80 years old and retired and would not be affected directly if either bill is enacted. I could be affected indirectly, however.

I support the Covid-19 mandates, but recognize that in this young 21st- century, our nation was not prepared for keeping the population safe and the economy strong when the virulent Covid-19 virus began to fill hospitals and morgues nationally and within communities in Kansas.

Slightly more than half our state's population has been fully vaccinated: 1,562,948 or 53 percent (source: USA FACTS <https://usafacts.org/visualizations/covid-vaccine-tracker-states/state/kansas> and <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/158/Data>). The USA FACTS source says 63 percent of Kansans have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

To me, those percentages of vaccinations **indicate that at least half the state's residents see the need for Covid-19 vaccinations to protect themselves and those around them** – in their homes, in their works places and in public spaces.

I listened to much of the testimony from Oct. 29 and was saddened to see the range of emotional pleas of Kansans, my neighbors respectively, who fear either a mandate or the vaccine. The committee heard from almost no one like me who view vaccinations as helping to bring an end to the pandemic -- not an end to Covid-19, but at least preventing more deaths or lingering effects for those who have suffered severe cases. I was grateful to have a vaccine. I was and am grateful for the public health officials and volunteers who helped so many of us in the more vulnerable age ranges to get the vaccine quickly and efficiently. I am grateful for the medical and nursing professionals in Kansas who have worked long hours trying to save lives of Kansans suffering from Covid-19 and to keep beds open for Kansans who needed other acute medical care. I am grateful for the non-medical workers who have reported to work to keep the

hospitals and nursing homes clean and stocked. I am grateful too for the Kansans whose jobs required them to be at work and exposed during the months we had no vaccine.

6,613 Kansans have lost their lives to Covid-19.
445,089 cases of Covid-19 have been reported in Kansas.
15,200 Kansans have been hospitalized with Covid-19.
Each of our 105 counties has reported cases of Covid-19.

Source: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

Kansans are divided on the need for mandates, even the need for vaccinations. Perhaps in another time – maybe the 20th century – the mandates would have been received without so much fear and rancor.

To me, the division is an indication that these legislative proposals are a rush to judgment. The virus is real and sadly so are the fears of too many Kansans. I have received two vaccinations and a booster shot. I wear a mask to enter stores and keep medical appointments. I do not yet feel comfortable in public gatherings. Surely, as our elected officials, this committee can spend a bit more time gathering public opinion and finding a way to help ALL Kansans in this pandemic. Our governor has said the mandates are too late. I agree, but I will say it again, I don't think these legislative proposals are helpful to all our citizens, nor to our state economy.

I appreciate your willingness to serve Kansas and know you are searching for an equitable solution to serve ALL residents.

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Jami Ediger <seth.and.jami@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 9:05 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Regarding 22rs2356 & 22rs2357,

By the grace of God my husband is the sole provider for our household of 6. If he would lose his job over the vaccine mandate our entire lives would be turned upside down. As a homeschooling mother of 4, I would have to re-enter the workforce causing my children to enter into daycare and traditional school for the first time in their lives. The Biden administration is threatening to steal my children, my livelihood and my peace with this vaccine mandate. I beg of you, please don't let this happen.

Jami Ediger

Sent from my iPhone

22rs2357

Jeri Enegren

Proponent, with amendments

Written testimony Only

Thank you so much for your consideration of amending the current proposed bill. Please consider these very important additions to protect our families and communities here in Kansas.

ALL VACCINE MANDATES MUST BE BANNED!

ALL KANSAS WORKERS MUST BE PROTECTED!

All Americans deserve the right to medical freedom and privacy. Those who have lost their jobs to an unjust and unconstitutional system should be allowed back to work as soon as possible and paid for the time they were forced out of work. Many have put their very lives on the line throughout the last couple of years, only to be punished, losing their jobs and all of the benefits they've earned. How can we repay them in this way? Who will be there for us through the next pandemic or when you or a loved one needs their services. They protected us, we need to protect them.

We need to **RETAIN THE RIGHT TO REFUSE** any medical procedures as we have the right to bodily autonomy without threat of having our livelihoods removed regardless of any emergency countermeasures.

I appreciate your efforts on our behalf,

Jeri Enegren

2021 Special Committee

hud fahn <countmein2010@outlook.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:24 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Concerning the 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandate: As it relates to the two bills being discussed this Friday (22rs2356 and 22rs2357) please make sure **language is added** to protect an individuals personal autonomy and the freedom to make ones own medical decision and the right to keep such decisions private. Neither of these bills currently have language addressing these issues.

Cordially,

Hudson Fahnestock

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Lynn Fairbanks <lynnyoda@aol.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:32 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

These bills need to be revised or rewritten. These so-called vaccines are not vaccines. At best, they are like a flu shot. A Vax protects you for an extended period of time; you don't need boosters every 6 months or less! I would also point out one thing they are, and that is they are still experimental! The drug companies have no liability for injury. How can the government or an employer demand that someone take something experimental. Remember something called the Nuremberg Code?? The drug that was approved isn't the widely given Bio N Tech, it is Comimaty, which isn't available yet.

The unvaccinated can get Covid and so can the vaccinated. Both get it and both die from it, so why are we doing this? It makes no sense! You make someone take something with risk of death or disability, that doesn't keep them from getting or spreading Covid. Why?

Also, they are not taking into account people who already had Covid and have natural immunity, which is better than shot immunity! This has been proven. Sars Covid 1 was 17 years ago, and people still have immunity to it!

These nurses, police, fire, etc. who were the "heros", got Covid, and recovered are now the villains. They don't want to take a shot that is going to give them lessor immunity than they already have. Natural immunity needs to be taken into account. And, I believe they are ineligible for unemployment!! What?? That's just to squeeze them into submission! Wrong, wrong, wrong!!

All that said, the government has no right to tell us to take an unapproved, experimental drug or be Guinea pigs in an experiment and then not take the liability for their action—not that they could afford that liability. This is unConstitutional and it is all just wrong on every level, and I urge you to pass bills that protect the people of Kansas from government overreach. Take a look at what Florida has done. Thank you!

Lynn Fairbanks
4604 West 126th Street
Leawood, KS. 66209-2212
913-338-3585
lynnyoda@aol.com

Two bills

Stephanie Faris <mrsfaris@pm.me>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:38 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Kansas House and Senate member:

I am writing to you today in regards to bills:

22RS2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22RS2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

We have always had medical freedom and now the Biden Administration wants to remove the patient-doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers to become the decision maker of OUR health.

I am asking that you please add these languages to both bills.

1. The protection of our personal autonomy
2. The freedom to make our own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private
3. An employer should not be fined for not mandating our health

Sincerely,
Stephanie Faris

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

22RS2356 and 22RS2357

Michael Fenner <mjfenner75@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:23 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

In regards to bills 22RS2356 and 22RS2357, I do not believe anyone should be forced to take a vaccine or any other medical procedure in order to keep their job! Please include in these bills language that protects the personal autonomy of every Kansan and grants them the right to make their own medical decisions and keep those decisions private! This should apply to all levels of education as well! Natural immunity should be accounted for also. No employer or school should be subject to fines for employees who refuse to get vaxed, nor should the employees be subjected to endless weekly testing!

God Bless,

Michael J Fenner

Subject: # 22rs2357 (and separately #22rs2356)

20211110 Written Testimony to Kansas Vaccine Over-reach Committee

November 10, 2021

Name: Mary Fifer, Belvue, KS

Position: I oppose health mandates.

Dear Chair Erickson and Committee Members,

Please make important EDITS in the two bills: # 22rs2356 and separately #22rs2357

Please consider the Patriot Freedom Bill. So far, it seems that the bills that have been presented fall WAY SHORT of God's law and the Constitution. These bills do not go far enough to protect Kansans.

- First, vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. Period. God spare us boosters and passports!
- Next, I want all people protected – medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. Ordinary citizens, children, the elderly, and any human. So many WILL NOT be helped by these bills.
- The health status of a person should not be the business of an employer.
- I want this to be retroactive from July 1, so those that lost jobs can have their jobs back with full benefits, compensation, and damages.
- Please pass a bill to unconditionally protect our health freedom and our right to refuse emergency countermeasures.
- I have the right to refuse and need you to guarantee the means by which to do so.

Politics and law are subsets of ethics and the course of ethics is a subset of the Ten Commandments. Sin is a witting and willing transgression of God's Commandments. Sins that cry to Heaven for vengeance are sins of great malice: willful murder (abortion, vaccine injuries, euthanasia), oppression of the poor (laborers, the infirm, the elderly, et al), defrauding laborers of their wages (jobs and benefits lost due to unjust and unconstitutional mandates), and the sin of Sodom (mRNA and DNA changes?). [*The Catechism Explained, An Exhaustive Explanation of the Catholic Religion*; by Spirago-Clarke.]

May God preserve us all.

=====

KANSAS – October Testimony

=====

I want to reiterate the testimony that I wrote to this Committee in October.

So far, masks, tests, and the several injections have only Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and Comirnaty is not even available in the United States. See Robert F. Kennedy's three short legal notices here:

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/legal/legal-resources/>

Liability for forced participation in a medical experiment, including possible injury, may be incalculable. Children’s Health Defense urges U.S. employers, universities and other institutions to respect and uphold the rights of individuals to refuse to wear EUA masks [tests and vaccines].

Additionally, there are many concerns as to the faulty testing and development, adverse reactions (VAERS) and injuries, corporate lack of responsibility for the results of these mandates (PREP Act), probable RNA and DNA alterations to current and future generations, and the sneaky and, likely, dangerous CDC tactic of allowing the Covid injections to be administered with other vaccines.

On religious principle anything that violates of the Ten Commandments is objectively objectionable, especially the Commandment that says, "Thou shalt not kill." that covers murder and suicide in respect to the

- Children killed in the course of removing their living organs, and in respect to the
- Possibility that a vaccine recipient risks death or physical harm from a medical treatment.

People need the freedom to accept or to reject any and all medical treatments, including vaccinations, for themselves and their children without force of any sort due to a right to personal integrity.

In the future full disclosure of the short and long term risks and benefits of any medical intervention, including screening tests, drugs, devices, surgeries, and vaccines need to be required by law to be provided to any consumer prior to the scheduling or delivery of services. This is not even possible for the current injections due to a lack of time and secret ingredients hidden in patented recipes.

Thank you for your good work.

=====

Pottawatomie County, KS September Notices

=====

Below is an edit of what I sent our Pottawatomie County Commissioners in September. Hopefully, it will help you, too.

Thank you for your many good works in our County. I am glad to live here. On matters of health, many members of our community have been glad for the measured way that you have handled the surprising political situation this last year. Most especially, thank you for not making mandates.

I write to ask that you maintain this sensible approach. I am aware that there are many pressures on health officials to promote the use of masks, tests, and vaccines on residents in our county, state, and nation that do not conform to the law. I include three documents from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s legal team that serve notice to the county about the federal law on the matter of the emergency vaccines that contradicts much of what is in the

mainstream media. Also included is the law on masks and testing. Long story short? These are all under Experimental Use Authorization (EUA), not truly approved; and cannot legally be mandated. Please continue reading for more information.

The local Smoke Signal newspaper reported on September 7, 2021 that a commissioner encouraged people to receive the injections. The health department said that "Everyone should be vaccinated...." Numbers are being used to promote the vaccines that do not belong in the same equations or are being manipulated. Members of this commission may not have had the time and the resources necessary to become aware that the numbers that are given by politicians, the media, and health institutions are greatly affected by statistical tricks that hide breakthrough case numbers. I see dangers that affect each person's medical freedom that residents of Pottawatomie County, Kansas would want to know. Here are some ways that numbers are misrepresented:

1. The same person can be counted several times as a "case". The state and county case numbers seem to be cumulative since early 2020. There have already been three changes in the definition of a new case at the CDC since then, making the equation confusing and at the same time inflating the number Covid cases compared to the number of breakthrough cases.
<https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>
2. The very definition of "fully vaccinated" excludes those who have received one injection all the way through the second injection onto the fourteenth day *after* the second injection. This is alarming. Mr. Kennedy explained this definition trick in his conference to the Amish. This means that for five weeks, *vaccine recipients are considered "unvaccinated"*. All of the early deaths and adverse reactions during those five weeks are counted as "unvaccinated", which artificially inflates the unvaccinated numbers of death and injury.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>
3. Hospital patients are reported as unvaccinated on entering hospitals while many of these same patients had been vaccinated at different locations, thereby inflating the number of unvaccinated cases which would otherwise be considered breakthrough cases.
4. The numbers of unvaccinated incidents of Covid are further inflated by including all "cases" since January 2021 when few vaccinations had been administered (5% of the population) and include the PCR test's false positives; yet another magnification of the number of true cases. The number of cycles in the PCR test was changed on January 20, 2021 which makes it even harder to compare the true numbers.
5. Use of Remdesivir/Veklury/Venklury, dexamethasone, and vancomycin in the mandated Covid hospital protocol in the USA themselves cause the pulmonary edema that is killing patients (not Covid) thereby inflating the number of "unvaccinated" deaths and injuries.
6. "Investigative journalist Corey Lynn ... pointed out the CDC's methodology for calculating COVID vaccine-related deaths is highly misleading because it is based on

the number of *doses* administered, rather than on the number of *people* who receive injections." ~CHD

7. Booster requirements will define people as unvaccinated every six to eight months, which would, again, hide breakthrough cases.

The rest of this letter is my edit from Mr. Kennedy's forty-seven page *Preventing Vaccine Mandates Toolkit* which has a list of issues to avoid and explanations with references to sources. I strongly oppose government interference in medical decisions including mandated vaccines. After being fully informed of the risks and benefits of a medical procedure, patients have the right to reject or accept that procedure. Governmental preemption of patients' or parents' decisions about accepting drugs or other medical interventions is a serious intrusion into individual liberty, personal autonomy, and parental decisions about child-rearing especially without truly or fully informed consent.

A public health threat is given as the rationale for the policy on mandatory vaccines. But how much of a threat is required to justify forcing people to accept government-imposed risks? Regulators may intervene to protect the public against a one-in-one million risk of a threat such as cancer from an involuntary exposure to a toxin, or one-in-100,000 risk from a voluntary (e.g. occupational) exposure. What is the risk of death, cancer, or crippling complication from a vaccine? There are no rigorous safety studies of sufficient power to rule out a much higher risk of complications, even one in 10,000, for vaccines. Studies would require an adequate number of subjects, a long duration (years, not days), an unvaccinated control group ("placebo" must be truly inactive such as saline, not the adjuvant or everything-but-the-intended-antigen), and consideration of all adverse health events (including neurodevelopment disorders). Almost none of this is available at this time.

Vaccines are necessarily risky, as recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court and by Congress who instituted the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and have paid some \$4 billion in damages. There are high hurdles which must be surmounted to collect compensation. The damage may be so devastating that most people would prefer restored function to a multimillion-dollar damage award.

The smallpox vaccine is so dangerous that you can't get it now, despite the weaponization of smallpox. Rabies vaccine is given only after a suspected exposure or to high risk persons such as veterinarians. The whole-cell pertussis vaccine was withdrawn from the U.S. market, a decade later than from the Japanese market, because of reports of severe permanent brain damage. The risk to benefit ratio varies with the frequency and severity of disease, vaccine safety, and individual patient factors. These must be evaluated by patient and physician, not imposed by a government agency.

Please consider these issues surrounding the Covid vaccines:

- Manufacturers are virtually immune from product liability, so the incentive to develop safer products is much diminished. Manufacturers often refuse to make safer products available as with Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine, and vitamin support. Consumer refusal is the only incentive for pharmaceutical companies to do better.

- There are enormous conflicts of interest involving those who sell the experimental vaccines.
- Research into vaccine adverse effects is being stalled. Professional dissent is silenced.
- There are many theoretical mechanisms for adverse effects from vaccines, especially in children with developing brains and immune systems. Children's brains are developing rapidly—any interference with the complex developmental symphony could be ruinous.
- Vaccines are neither 100% safe nor 100% effective and do not stop transmission. Nor are they the only available means to control the spread of disease.
- Previous attempts to make similar vaccines have failed and even enhanced the danger.
- Fully informed consent is not easily available. It is not even possible in children.
- Covid vaccines have no long-term safety testing and contain problematic ingredients. Not all vaccine injuries manifest immediately.
- Serious adverse vaccine reactions are real and underreported, especially for young people and children who are at almost zero risk of injury from Covid. Why risk causing injury?
- Moral considerations are: aborted fetal tissue (or testing in development); gene modification; imprudence of taking untried drugs, especially with untried DNA and RNA technology; the poisonous ingredients and expensive testing used to formulate these products; the side effects of ingredients like aluminum, polysorbate 80, and whatever graphine oxide is.

I believe that liberty rights are inalienable and we have the duty to protect those rights. Patients and parents have the right to refuse vaccination. Unvaccinated persons with no exposure to a disease and no evidence of a disease are not a danger to others.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Mary Fifer
Belvue, KS 66407

Encl:

Notice for EUA Masks <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/notice-for-employers-universities-and-other-institutions-mandating-covid-19-masks8.31.21.pdf>

Notice for EUA PCR Testing <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/notice-for-employers-universities-other-institutions-mandating-covid-19-tests8.31.21.pdf>

Notice for EUA Vaccines <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/notice-for-employers-universities-and-other-institutions-mandating-covid-19-vaccines8.31.21.pdf>

Sources:

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/legal/legal-resources/> Including CHD's Toolkit
<https://americasfrontlinedoctors.org/legal/>

<https://www.kshf.org/covidvaccine>

Hearing

Christina Flaming <believer1998@hotmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:52 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Madame Chair and committee members,

I am writing to testify against the federal government overreach with the vaccine mandates. While I appreciate that legislation 22rs2356 and 22rs2357 have been prepared, it is my understanding that the language does not protect my personal bodily autonomy or my patient/doctor relationship with my chosen healthcare provider. Our federal and state constitutions are supposed to protect our inalienable rights, which are now trampled on by this unprecedented mandate in attempts to force unwanted medical research upon US citizens. Did we learn nothing from Nazi Germany and the Nuremberg trials, or the Tuskegee forced experiments? I will quit my job before taking the experimental biological injection and Kansas will have one less advance practice nurse in an already difficult nursing shortage.

Christina Flaming DNAP CRNA
4217 SE 69th Street
Berryton, KS. 66409
785-221-3606

Sent from my iPhone

22rs2356 employer vaccine mandate

Adrienne Foster <alfoster677@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:32 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear committee,

I have been following the Special Committee on Government Overreach on the Impact of COVID 19 mandates and I was present for the two day hearing in October. In review of the two proposed bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357, I believe this Committee has missed the boat on what WE THE PEOPLE need from you. What we need is for the government to stop trying to make health decisions for WE THE PEOPLE because the government THINKS they know best. The research shows that you have a 0.00098% chance of getting the virus and even if one CHOOSES to take the jab, it does not STOP you from getting the virus...just like the flu shot.

We do not need a bill regarding religious exemptions and/or health exemptions because we have the right under OUR constitution which protects and defends our individual unalienable rights. Therefore, we need a very SHORT & SIMPLE bill that reiterates this . Anything contrary to this must be declared null and void. You are all elected to hold public office and are beholden to defend the Constitution, therefore, DO YOUR JOB!

Respectfully Submitted,

--

Adrienne Vallejo Foster

Written testimony only from Mindi L. Getz concerning RS # 22rs2357—in support
ONLY WITH EDITS:

We should not need exemptions from such procedures. Bodily autonomy is a basic freedom. Mandates and laws that reach into PRIVATE business are against a free society. Mandates and laws that require invasion of a person's body are also against a free society.

Creating bandaids and support for an unconstitutional mandate or law validates that mandate or law. This is not what needs to happen. We need to create a bill that makes the support of individuals starting July 1, 2021—essentially a retroactive bill that covers anyone previously fired because of unconstitutional measures. We need a bill that protects EVERYONE. This bill is not sufficient as written.

The line in the sand is not creating exemptions from invasive and unconstitutional laws, or even creating provisions for support when someone is negatively affected by an unconstitutional law or mandate. The line in the sand is repealing any and all mandates and laws that violate our constitutional rights as free people in a free land.

I appreciate your support in making this bill into one that stands for freedom and justice for all.

Sincerely,
Mindi L Getz
Hoxie, KS

RS 2356 & RS 2357

Traci Gordon <tracigordon@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:41 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I feel everyone should have the right to make medical decisions that they feel are best for their own families. No one should be forced to put anything into their body they don't feel comfortable with.

Traci Hildebrand

Sent from my iPad

Covid vaccine mandates

julie gorenc <juliegorenc@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:35 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Regarding the 2 bills related to Covid vaccine mandates, **22rs2356 and 22rs2357**

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS INFRINGEMENT ON MY MEDICAL FREEDOM!!!

As a long time Democrat this whole Covid pandemic has changed me into a republican because i strongly and adamantly disagree with how this whole thing has been handled and how so many people have been hurt by depression, loss of income, loss of housing, dying alone, people should be vaccinated only if they choose to be. If they find a vaccine to prevent cancer I will be the first in line but for something that has been unstudied and it rarely causes death I will not inject the Covid vaccine into my body. Please reject these bills thank you.

Julie Gorenc
Baldwin City, Kansas

Sent from my iPhone

Please address these bills taking into consideration the following.

Brian Grewe <bgrewe13@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 9:55 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Neither bill take into consideration the protection of your personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of your freedom to make your own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private. We need to ask legislation to add language into these bills.

We have always had medical freedom and now Biden Administration wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become your decision maker of your health. Your employer should not be fined for not mandating your health; we simply cannot allow this to happen.

Thank you,

Brian Grewe
[15728 Howe St](#)
[Overland Park, KS](#)
[66224](#)

Brian Grewe
816-728-7829
bgrewe13@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

22rs2356 & 22rs2357

Laura Harring <harring.laura@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:35 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon!

My name is Laura Harring and I'm writing to you from Spring Hill.

I just finished reading both of the above cited documents. I appreciate the initiative that has been presented in both! I have a few thoughts I'd like to share with you.

I work in healthcare. I've worked since the beginning of COVID. It's unconscionable to me that my job will be in jeopardy unless I opt to take the COVID shot, not because I'm incompetent, but because I disagree with the president's opinion on a shot. My private decision whether or not to take it in no way impacts my ability to care for my patients, especially given the alarming rate at which vaccinated individuals contract, and spread, the virus.

I am continually in disbelief that we are watching this extreme government overreach play out in our country. This resembles absolutely nothing that our founding fathers described in the constitution and I beg of you to combat the Biden administration with everything you've got.

Thank you,

Laura Harring

Friday Nov 12 Hearing Testimony

Elizabeth Harrison <lizwharrison@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:27 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please see below for my written testimony for the Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandates' hearing on Friday 11/12.

To the 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandates,

I am writing in regards to the below two bills being presented:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

We the people are uniting together and will not be silenced. You were elected to protect our individual freedoms which are being threatened by the Biden Administration's vaccination mandate. We will not stand for this and we will not be silenced.

Neither of the above bills take into consideration the protection of our personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of our freedom to make our own medical decisions and the right to keep those decisions private. You need to add this language into these bills. In addition, you need to call a special session.

This is a critical time in history. We are counting on you and will hold you accountable. We the people expect to see aggressive actions that back your words. We will not stand for empty promises any longer.

Sincerely,
Liz Harrison
KS Resident

Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Vondell Hass <vonnyh4@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:00 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mail Delivery Subsystem** <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 2:42 PM
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: <vonnyh4@gmail.com>

**Address not found**

Your message wasn't delivered to **ksleg@kld.ks.gov** because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.

The response from the remote server was:

550 #5.1.0 Address rejected.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Vondell Hass <vonnyh4@gmail.com>
To: ksleg@kld.ks.gov
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 14:42:11 -0600
Subject: Vondell Hass
Honorable Elected Reps of "we the people",
I'd like to submit comments on Biden's Regime CMS mandate. Bill draft numbers are 22RS2356 and 22RS2357.

Please take back to the State of KS, all the powers available. We have lost so many freedoms, Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness during this whole Covid 19 hoax. I say hoax in that there has been so much information, misinformation that does not agree with other information. So much Fear and spread of division and attacks on livelihoods. Legislatures are supposed to pass laws, not the executive branch. Are we no longer a Republic and somehow got shifted into tyranny?

It is sickening to read all the government regulations, processes for tracking and documenting information on citizens. Since when should government learn of each person's health? When has gov't ever run any business well, efficiently with knowledge and common sense? It seems there are so many federal persons involved in healthcare, now. Do we have full blown Socialist Obamacare now? Stop the Marxism, please.

If government can force each citizen to be inoculated with whatever they dictate, how is that freedom to choose what my body needs?

Next will be population control to save the planet. Will Bill Gates suggest sterilizing every reproductive body? As a rich person he is idolized and thought to be smart and even know science.

Please, please no more mandates. Let us have freedom, liberty and all that the Constitution, Rule of Law, Justice, and Founders' America had.

vonnyh4@gmail.com

Bills 22rs2356 & 22rs2357

Ruby Heinen <rubyheinen@icloud.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:12 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Members.

Please add language to provide for our protection on making our own medical decisions and the right to keep that decision private. Our employers should not be put in a position to mandate or fine us for our personal freedom of choice.

I do not want or need a mandate.

Thank you
Ruby Heinen
820 Willow
Denton Ks
Sent from my iPhone



Kansas State Council of SHRM, Inc.
825 S. Kansas, Suite 502 • Topeka, KS 66612
(888) 332-6248 • office@ksshrm.com



Committee on Government Overreach
Jessica Helt, SHRM-SCP
KS SHRM Government Affairs Director
Friday, November 12, 2021
Neutral Testimony on 22RS2356 and 22RS2357

Chair Erickson and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments regarding proposed legislation 22RS2356 and 22RS2357, which would make changes in the Unemployment Insurance statutes to allow workers who refuse the Covid 19 vaccination and have been denied an exemption or accommodation by their employer, to receive benefits as well as an exemption to accept work offered that requires a Covid 19 vaccination.

KS SHRM leadership met to discuss the impact 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 would have on our members. While we had some very spirited conversation about the proposals, it was clear the tight timeframe does not afford us sufficient opportunity to gather enough information from our members to take a position on either measure. However, we do feel compelled to submit a statement to this committee that we are committed to engaging with our members about these proposals and have a goal to provide insight from both employers and employees at a future date.

Also, it is important for us to note a top priority for KS SHRM has been to maintain the integrity and solvency of the KS Unemployment Trust Fund. The purpose of the unemployment insurance benefit program is to provide a safety net insurance system for workers who lose their jobs at no fault of their own. The system is funded solely by employers through annual tax assessments. KS SHRM has advocated for policies that ensure benefits are available to those entitled to them while working to make sure the taxing system is fairly and equitably assessed on all employers and reflects an employer's utilization of the program.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Kansas Unemployment Trust Fund was attacked and defrauded of millions of dollars. A forensic audit is underway, and we await those findings to understand the actual depth and impact of the fraud on the trust fund. Without legislative intervention during the 2021 legislative session, our UI trust fund would be at risk of bankruptcy and Kansas employers would be facing significant tax increases as a result of the fraud. Today, we are still uncertain of the long-term effects the significant fraud may have on the trust fund and the ultimate costs to employers.

As such, KS SHRM believes it is important to the share with the committee the following projected cost impact 22RS2357 may have on the KS UI Trust Fund. Please note the attached scenario information was provided to KS SHRM by Phil Hayes, a long-time KS SHRM advocate.

As you consider 22RS2357, we respectfully request you consider these potential costs to the fund and ultimately on Kansas employers. We believe the economic times of our state are still uncertain and we ask this committee be mindful of any additional burdens placed on Kansas employers. On behalf of the KS SHRM members, thank you for the opportunity to present these written comments.

November 10, 2021

To: The Kansas Special Government Overreach Committee

As a Kansas citizen, I would like to express my favor for Bill 22RS2356, and 22RS2357 allowing medical and religious exemptions to be approved without question by employers, schools, businesses regarding any vaccine, and also allowing anyone who has been terminated or forced to quit for not taking the vaccine to be eligible for unemployment benefits. I have testified previously on the dangers that vaccines carry, so where there is risk there must be choice. My opinion is supported by both personal experience and facts; reports filed to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which is approaching a million and nearly 20,000 deaths in the last 10 months alone, is also said to be underreported by 99% according to a 2015 Harvard Study so make that 100 million adverse events and 2 mil deaths in the US alone. It would be irresponsible and criminal to force anyone to have a risky procedure in order to keep their job, stay in school, attend public events etc. The people's voice must be heard, and we are counting on you to protect Kansans from the overreaching tyranny of the Biden administration. Our rights should already be protected under Title VII, and Biden's mandate violates HIPPA laws, Gina laws, as well as the Nuremberg code, and no citizen should be discriminated against or penalized for their religious beliefs or medical conditions.

Respectfully,

Lynnette Hendrickson

Kansas UI Benefits - Vaccination Status - Trust Fund Impact

A B C D E F G H I J K

If 22RS2356 (Revised Exemptions) FAILS, but 22RS2357 (UI Benefits) PASSES

Scenario 1: Vaccination Rates Unchanged as of 11/08/21

Current Case	Vaccination Status			Max # UI Weeks / Average Benefit Amounts			Max # UI Weeks & Max Benefit Amounts	
	Sept. 2021	% Vaccinated	Estimated % # Unvaccinated	Max # of Weeks UI Benefits	4 Week Avg. KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Avg. Claimant UI Benefits	Max KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Max Claimant UI Benefits
Kansas				16	\$395.72	\$6,331.52	\$540.00	\$8,640.00
Total Population	2,937,880							
Number Kansas Vaccinated	1,562,948	53.20%	46.80%					
Civilian Labor Force	1,514,766	805,853	708,913					
Nonfarm Jobs	1,387,000	737,882	649,118		\$256,868,961	\$4,109,903,371	\$350,523,701	\$5,608,379,209
Private Sector Jobs	1,134,500	603,552	530,948		\$210,106,587	\$3,361,705,389	\$286,711,707	\$4,587,387,320

Scenario 2: Unvaccinated Rates Decrease by 33% from 11/08/21 Levels

Mid Case	Vaccination Status			Max # UI Weeks / Average Benefit Amounts			Max # UI Weeks & Max Benefit Amounts	
	Sept. 2021	Estimated % Vaccinated	Estimated % # Unvaccinated	Max # of Weeks UI Benefits	4 Week Avg. KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Avg. Claimant UI Benefits	Max KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Max Claimant UI Benefits
Kansas				16	\$395.72	\$6,331.52	\$540.00	\$8,640.00
Total Population	2,937,880							
Number Kansas Vaccinated	2,021,259	68.80%	31.20%					
Civilian Labor Force	1,514,766	1,042,158	472,608					
Nonfarm Jobs	1,387,000	954,255	432,745		\$171,245,974	\$2,739,935,581	\$233,682,467	\$3,738,919,472
Private Sector Jobs	1,134,500	780,535	353,965		\$140,071,058	\$2,241,136,926	\$191,141,138	\$3,058,258,213

Scenario 3: Vaccination Rates Increase by 75% from 11/08/21 Levels

Best Case	Vaccination Status			Max # UI Weeks / Average Benefit Amounts			Max # UI Weeks & Max Benefit Amounts	
	Sept. 2021	Estimated % Vaccinated	Estimated % # Unvaccinated	Max # of Weeks UI Benefits	4 Week Avg. KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Avg. Claimant UI Benefits	Max KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Max Claimant UI Benefits
Kansas				16	\$395.72	\$6,331.52	\$540.00	\$8,640.00
Total Population	2,937,880							
Number Kansas Vaccinated	2,735,159	93.10%	6.90%					
Civilian Labor Force	1,514,766	1,410,243	104,523					
Nonfarm Jobs	1,387,000	1,291,294	95,706		\$37,872,951	\$605,967,220	\$51,681,476	\$826,903,615
Private Sector Jobs	1,134,500	1,056,217	78,283		\$30,978,272	\$495,652,351	\$42,272,988	\$676,367,809

Scenario 4: Vaccination Rates at 95% based on Kaiser Family Foundation - National Projection

Baseline Case	Vaccination Status			Max # UI Weeks / Average Benefit Amounts			Max # UI Weeks & Max Benefit Amounts	
	Sept. 2021	Estimated % Vaccinated	Estimated % # Unvaccinated	Max # of Weeks UI Benefits	4 Week Avg. KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Avg. Claimant UI Benefits	Max KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Max Claimant UI Benefits
Kansas				16	\$395.72	\$6,331.52	\$540.00	\$8,640.00
Total Population	2,937,880							
Number Kansas Vaccinated	2,790,986	95.00%	5.00%					
Civilian Labor Force	1,514,766	1,439,028	75,738					
Nonfarm Jobs	1,387,000	1,317,650	69,350		\$27,443,182	\$439,090,912	\$37,449,000	\$599,184,000
Private Sector Jobs	1,134,500	1,077,775	56,725		\$22,447,217	\$359,155,472	\$30,631,500	\$490,104,000

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/10/28/covid-vaccine-some-5percent-of-unvaccinated-adults-have-quit-their-jobs-over-a-mandate-survey-shows.htm>

Note, the above scenarios have large assumptions baked in as there is no way to determine how employees will actually respond; following are considerations regarding short-term implications
 KS employers will be forced into solvency surcharges beginning in 2023 (HB 2196 locks neutral table for 2022) for 3-10 years (26% automatic increase
 KS employers experience ratings will likely force many employers to the highest tax table groups (maximum increase would be 4,200% on SUTA taxes alone)
 FUTA credit reductions will begin in 2025 (minimum 6% increase in the first year, successive increases until Title VII advances are paid in full
 Beginning April, 2022 - all new UI claimants will very likely be eligible for 26 weeks of KS UI benefits due to a projected seasonally adjusted UI average well above the statutory level 6.0%

If 22RS2356 (Revised Exemptions) and 22RS2357 (UI Benefits) both PASS

Scenario 5: KS Employers Utilize Revised Exemption/Accomodations*

Minimal Impact/No Change Case	KS UI % #s			Max # UI Weeks / Average Benefit Amounts			Max # UI Weeks & Max Benefit Amounts	
	KS UI W/E 11/6/2021	Sept. KS UI Rate	Estimated % # Unvaccinated	Max # of Weeks UI Benefits	4 Week Avg. KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Avg. Claimant UI Benefits	Max KS UI Payment Amt	16 Week - Total Max Claimant UI Benefits
Kansas		3.90%	N/A	16	\$395.72	\$6,331.52	\$540.00	\$8,640.00
Initial Claims	1,225		N/A					
Continued Claims	5,565		N/A		\$2,202,182	\$35,234,909	\$3,005,100	\$48,081,600

*If 22RS2356 (Revised Exemptions) PASSES in conjunction with 22RS2357 (UI Benefits), the **KS UI Trust Fund solvency becomes a non-issue** as Kansas employers will have a straightforward, legal backstop to run their business that balances safe and healthy practices (with mask/weekly testing accommodations) as they have demonstrated throughout the pandemic. Furthermore, if both bills pass, employers will still have the ability enforce other, traditional performance management issues as it relates to continued employment.

RS:22rs2357
FROM: BRIAN HERR
PROPONENT
WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members,

I am writing in regards to proposed legislation Bill 22rs2357.

I support the Legislation's attempt to protect an individual's right to medical freedom by providing a method for obtaining unemployment in the event of an employer's termination.

I fundamentally oppose an employer's right to require medical information such as a vaccine status in the first place, however.

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

First and foremost, I wish to publicly state I am in support of the proposals outlined in 22RS2356 AND 22RS2357.

Moving beyond that, I implore the committee to realize these proposals are a mere bandaid on the broken system that shows extreme contempt for individual freedom and personal responsibility for citizens of the United States of America, and more specifically Kansans.

I am somewhat cautious with my support of 22RS2357 because it seems with the passage of 22RS2357, this protection would be unnecessary. An employee should not be terminated because of their employer's refusal to recognize their medical or religious exemption. If they can't be terminated, there should be no need for unemployment assistance. I also don't think the retroactive date of September 9, 2021 is sufficient. I would like to see that date pushed back to the earliest COVID mandate (July 1, 2021) to provide protection to as many Kansans as possible. Regardless of these objections, I support 22RS2357.

With regards to 22RS2356, I also support this proposed legislation. I would also like to see the protections in this bill extended in two ways: First, I would like to see the medical exemption portion extended. Currently the only medical exemption accepted is one indicating a prior anaphylactic response. It's absurd to think that beyond that one exception any one medical recommendation applies uniformly across the board to all citizens regardless of their health status. I would like to see more freedom given to certified medical providers to issue medical exemptions based on their professional knowledge and assessment of each individual patient. Second, I would like to see protection offered to those medical providers. Our Board of Healing Arts has been politicized and weaponized against medical providers who dare have a different opinion, even when that opinion is backed by sound science and medical experience. Daring to be different is a value we encourage to 5 year olds in Kindergarten. Apparently that character trait is no longer admiral once you become a board certified physician. I support 22RS2356.

Beyond these two proposed pieces of legislation, I would like to take this opportunity to address some larger issues at play.

1. Please don't view my support of these two pieces of legislation as a pat on your back for a job well done. I am of the firm belief that you have dropped the ball on this. Waiting until the 11th hour while Kansans stare down the barrel of losing everything is cowardly and shows a gross lack of leadership. I will remember this come election time.
2. We need specific legislation prohibiting vaccine passports. We have seen these passports pop up in multiple states and it is only a matter of time before they become an issue within our own state. We must be proactive in banning them now. Any legislation banning them should not provide exemptions for long term care facilities or nursing homes. Follow Montana's lead here, specifically Montana HB 702.
3. Finally, you must do everything within your power to protect our children. This includes, but is not limited to, banning COVID vaccination requirements for school attendance or participation in any school sanctioned activity, recognizing and reinforcing parental rights in regards to all things COVID related, strict punishments for any school or medical personnel who attempts to vaccinate a child without expressly written parental consent.

Please do not settle for a subpar legislation in an attempt to stop the hemorrhaging of our personal liberty. We need bills with teeth that solidify our writes and show that Kansans aren't messing around when it comes to our freedom.

Appeal to Heaven!

Derek Hodgson
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

First and foremost, I wish to publicly state I am in support of the proposals outlined in 22RS2356 AND 22RS2357.

Moving beyond that, I implore the committee to realize these proposals are a mere bandaid on the broken system that shows extreme contempt for individual freedom and personal responsibility for citizens of the United States of America, and more specifically Kansans.

I am somewhat cautious with my support of 22RS2357 because it seems with the passage of 22RS2357, this protection would be unnecessary. An employee should not be terminated because of their employer's refusal to recognize their medical or religious exemption. If they can't be terminated, there should be no need for unemployment assistance. I also don't think the retroactive date of September 9, 2021 is sufficient. I would like to see that date pushed back to the earliest COVID mandate (July 1, 2021) to provide protection to as many Kansans as possible. Regardless of these objections, I support 22RS2357.

With regards to 22RS2356, I also support this proposed legislation. I would also like to see the protections in this bill extended in two ways: First, I would like to see the medical exemption portion extended. Currently the only medical exemption accepted is one indicating a prior anaphylactic response. It's absurd to think that beyond that one exception any one medical recommendation applies uniformly across the board to all citizens regardless of their health status. I would like to see more freedom given to certified medical providers to issue medical exemptions based on their professional knowledge and assessment of each individual patient. Second, I would like to see protection offered to those medical providers. Our Board of Healing Arts has been politicized and weaponized against medical providers who dare have a different opinion, even when that opinion is backed by sound science and medical experience. Daring to be different is a value we encourage to 5 year olds in Kindergarten. Apparently that character trait is no longer admiral once you become a board certified physician. I support 22RS2356.

Beyond these two proposed pieces of legislation, I would like to take this opportunity to address some larger issues at play.

1. Please don't view my support of these two pieces of legislation as a pat on your back for a job well done. I am of the firm belief that you have dropped the ball on this. Waiting until the 11th hour while Kansans stare down the barrel of losing everything is cowardly and shows a gross lack of leadership. I will remember this come election time.
2. We need specific legislation prohibiting vaccine passports. We have seen these passports pop up in multiple states and it is only a matter of time before they become an issue within our own state. We must be proactive in banning them now. Any legislation banning them should not provide exemptions for long term care facilities or nursing homes. Follow Montana's lead here, specifically Montana HB 702.
3. Finally, you must do everything within your power to protect our children. This includes, but is not limited to, banning COVID vaccination requirements for school attendance or participation in any school sanctioned activity, recognizing and reinforcing parental rights in regards to all things COVID related, strict punishments for any school or medical personnel who attempts to vaccinate a child without expressly written parental consent.

Please do not settle for a subpar legislation in an attempt to stop the hemorrhaging of our personal liberty. We need bills with teeth that solidify our writes and show that Kansans aren't messing around when it comes to our freedom.

Appeal to Heaven!

Erin Hodgson
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

November 10, 2021

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members,

I am writing this in order to thank you for convening this committee and to urge you to consider strengthening RS2357. This bill does not go far enough to protect Kansans. Vaccine mandates **MUST BE BANNED**. Period. Many workers in Kansas will not be protected by RS2357. I think you would agree that all workers should have the same protections against Federal Government overreach and from being forced to receive an injection of an experimental “vaccine” that they are not comfortable receiving, no matter the reason.

The health status of a Kansas citizen is not the business of that Kansan’s employer. In fact, whatever legislation you end up passing should be retroactive to July 1, 2021 so that those that lost jobs have opportunity to get those jobs back with full benefits, compensation, and damages.

Please consider passing a strong piece of legislation that protects the health freedom of Kansan’s, and our right to refuse emergency countermeasures. Anything other than a full right to refuse a vaccine or other medical procedure will fall short.

Thank you,

Brent Hoffman

Lawrence, KS

(Written Testimony Only)

Gabriel Holden

Bill Draft RS 22RS2357

Proponent

Written

This Testimony describes my experiences with Ascension prior to, during, and after my submission of a Religious Exemption request for the Covid-19 vaccination:

I originally submitted my Religious Exemption request in September of this year. I filled this Exemption form with the details of my Catholic/Pro Life beliefs and how the research, development, and production of this and other vaccines are in conflict with those beliefs. I submitted my exemption form well before the deadline and waited on a reply to my request. I eventually received word that my exemption was denied, but was given 7 days to submit additional material regarding my Religious beliefs. I resubmitted my request and included a letter from my Pastor as well as a personal statement elaborating on these Religious beliefs. I waited for a response during my allotted 7 days, but did not receive one. After my 7 days had passed I received an email stating that I had not resubmitted in the correct way, so I resubmitted again by replying to my initial denial email, as well as through a general inquiry to HR. These requests were eventually denied as well, this time in an email that stated they did not wish to challenge my personal beliefs, but would not be granting me exemption. My final day before I am suspended from Ascension will be November 12th, at which point employees may still be reinstated if they are vaccinated by January 4th, 2022.

☐e☐22rs2357

Trina ☐olsinger

☐am strongly opposed to any and all medical treatments and devices being mandated by any and all employers.

☐am asking that you sign the affidavit to call a special session.

This bill, as presented, does not provide protection for each individual to maintain personal autonomy. This bill does not provide protection for each individual to make their own medical decisions nor does it provide protection for individuals to keep their medical decisions private.

☐lease sign the affidavit to call a special session. ☐lease consider adding language into this bill that provide for medical and health freedom for Kansans.

Bills info

fdoughorn <fdoughorn@protonmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:27 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

22rs2256 22rs2357

Doug Horn

We need to have personal choice in medical decisions not government forcing on us.

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

Bill no. 22rs2357
Neutral written only testimony
November 10, 2021

Chairman and Committee Members,

The proposed bill appears to codify and affirm the whole construct of “vaccine mandates.” It does not prohibit or fight what will most certainly result in multiple statuses and levels of citizenship. Putting people who do not forego their bodily autonomy on unemployment is not liberty. It merely further divides and labels people into varying levels of serfdom.

It should be held that:

Kansas upholds the US Constitution’s protection of the unalienable rights of the individual.

Government is established to secure the unalienable rights of the individual.

Laws enacted to secure unalienable individual rights shall not in effect render multiple statuses of citizens, with varying degrees of individual liberty.

Kansas citizens shall be secure in their **right to privacy** as set forth in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Subsection 15 of the Kansas Bill of Rights.

An individual shall not be forced/coerced to do something that goes against his conscious-based objection, be it religious, moral, or ethical conviction.

All individual health information is the personal private information of the individual, to only be known between the individual and his personal physician. All other persons/entities shall not be privy to such individual personal private information.

Kansas citizens shall be secure in their fundamental right and liberty of bodily integrity, including but not limited to the right to refuse unwanted medical treatment, and shall consider forced medication and infringement of bodily integrity as a battery.

No employee or agency of the State of Kansas or any political subdivision of the state shall be used to assist in the enactment of or compliance with federal directives or federal agents or agencies that are unconstitutional or constitutional but unpopular.

Informed Consent: The legal doctrine of informed consent can be traced back to the Nuremberg Code. The doctrine is founded on the general principle that a person of the age of majority and sound mind has a legal right to determine what may be done to his or her body. Article 6, Section 1 of the Nuremberg Code states, “The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved, as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.”

The right to informed consent, medical decisions, medical privacy and medical freedom are a fundamental individual and unalienable right; and all local, state, and federal acts, including but not limited to, laws, orders, rules, or regulations violating individual medical privacy, including but not limited to record exchanges, surveillance systems, emergency acts, and violations of individual medical elections including but not limited to procedures, injections, ingestions, tests, or devices without coercion and the free will and informed documented consent of the individual are a clear violation of the rights of the people under the U.S. Constitution, the Kansas Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Medical Code of Ethics and Informed Consent and the International Nuremberg Code.

Lisa Huesers
Leawood, KS

Stand up for Kansas against Federal Vaccine Mandates

Honorable Sirs,

My name is John Ims and this is my written testimony as an opponent (see below) of RS# 22rs2357. The bill is inadequate and weak on its face and does not address the primary issues with federal vaccine mandates.

I state up front that I am opposed to federal mandates that force and threaten Kansas citizens or any US citizens to put things in our bodies that we do not want, be it through loss of employment or any other means. Let it be known that I am not against federally approved vaccines as an option for an individual in conjunction with their doctor to take on their own recognizance.

However it is gross overreach to have the federal government mandate an individual's ingestion of medical pharmaceuticals. Kansas should be actively resisting federal medical requirements that are intended to force an individual's medical treatments. If the federal government is successful in expanding its powers in this manner, there is no end to the extension of powers far beyond what our forefathers envisioned as a role for the federal government.

I am very proud of the actions being taking by Kris Kobach on behalf of the State of Kansas and sincerely hope he is successful! It is time Kansas legislators supported his actions in word and legislative deed.

It is likewise time that Kansas's legislators stand up and resist federal vaccine mandates. Push our governor to reject vaccine mandates. She seems amenable to signing such legislation.

Do not let people lose their jobs just because they want to defend their rights regarding the sanctity of their bodies.

Be serious about these issues. I want to see much more than a statement that echoes current law and our first amendment rights. It is inadequate to merely request exemptions. It is inadequate to merely state our convictions and protected religious beliefs. The law already protects our Kansas religious beliefs. Be serious and disallow the federal vaccine mandate as applied in Kansas! Refuse to honor and support federal government overreach.

Do not simply make a statement referring to the unemployment compensation available to those that defend their personal freedom. Assuaging citizen pain after layoffs occur is not the point. Protect our Kansas citizens from being laid off in the first place as a result of resisting federal vaccine mandates! Disallow the federal vaccine mandate as applied in Kansas!

Block these federal vaccine mandates as applied to Kansas. Get yourself motivated and make it happen. Else, the blame rests on you as our representatives in the Great State of Kansas.

To quote Louis-Sebastian Mercier's 1771 French novel, "Choose then, man! Be happy or miserable; if yet it be in thy power to choose: fear tyranny, detest slavery, arm thyself, live free, or die!"

John Ims, Lawrence Kansas

Mandates for employers and Kansas bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Jeffery Jack <jeffery.jack@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:05 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to address my concerns about Kansas bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357.

These bills remove personal individual medical autonomy and freedom and they remove the god-given freedom of choice. They also violate Nuremberg code and allow for medical treatment without true informed consent.

I am a US Navy veteran and 25 year critical care nurse and I work for the department of veterans in Wichita Kansas, and I am asking that you reject these bills because they will remove personal freedom and The human right of self determination for medical choices.

Please support individual human rights and please support medical freedom. If we continue to consider bills like this The very foundations of our human rights and freedom are being lost rapidly. Please support freedom and individual liberty.

Jeffery Jack
7845 S. 103rd St. W.,
Clearwater, Kansas 67026

Very Respectfully,
Jeffery Jack

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

My name is Jeff Jansen. I live at 22590 West 244th Street, Paola Kansas 66071. My phone number is (913)244-8007. First, let me say THANK YOU for your unrelenting work for myself, my family, and the people of Kansas! I appreciate your extra effort to assemble a Special Committee on Government Overreach and Impact of COVID-19 Mandates to hold a hearing next week.

I oppose 22RS2357 to address unemployment payments when fired in favor of a stronger bill like SB213. SB213 actually prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on medical and religious needs and decisions. 22RS2357 is a compromising, capitulating bill that actually admits to the legality and constitutionality of federal, state, and employer mandates. This bill contradicts lawsuits by our state AG and others nationwide. It even contradicts 22RS2356 by allowing termination based on refusal to vaccinate. This bill also has grave potential to build on existing unemployment issues across the state. According state AGs, these mandates are "unconstitutional, unlawful, and unwise." If they are unconstitutional, unlawful, and unwise for the federal government, then they are so for employers on the same grounds. They are a violation of individual liberty established throughout the constitutions and specifically in the Bill of Rights.

I don't personally have the time or the expertise to walk through the constitutions or the hundreds of supporting documents from the founding fathers. Even if I did, I imagine none of you want me to go on a deep dive with you at this time.

What I can tell you briefly is that the Constitutions do not contradict themselves. The US and States Constitutions were written and ratified to work in conjunction with each other NOT with US Constitution as supreme and State Constitutions as subordinates. The Bill of Rights was ratified to spell out a few specific rights protected by the Constitution, NOT to list the only important ones and disregard all other rights inherent in the people. The "supremacy clause" has been used for years to allow the Federal Government to lord over the States. Just because it has been done this way for years, doesn't make it right. The supremacy clause has been erroneously defined because it directly contradicts many other sections and amendments within the same document. One being the 10th Amendment, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The enumerated powers of the Federal Government DO NOT include regulation and enforcement of health care, control of domestic free enterprise, health or other mandates over states, businesses, individuals, etc. not even through the use of the "general welfare" clause. The general welfare clause has also been clearly misused and abused because it's often used to directly contradict the ENTIRE Bill of Rights

and to create new "regulating entities" like OSHA to further control the states and the people.

Like the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals pointed out, the OSHA ETS has "grave statutory and constitutional issues". It is your responsibility and not the courts alone to understand WHY and HOW the federal mandates have "statutory and constitutional issues". Do not wait for the courts to define the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of laws and mandates, seek to understand them yourself. Dig into our constitutions, learn from supporting documents what was the writer's original intent. It is not enough to expect the President, the Governor, OSHA, the courts, etc. to do the right thing; YOU have the right, the privilege, and the DUTY to support and defend individual liberty according to the Constitution and your oath of office. We MUST return to the original intent of our constitutions if we expect our constitutional republic to stand the test of time. THIS is the greatest test of our Nation; under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for ALL.

If you our representatives continue to allow this breakdown of constitutional liberty, we might as well run our US and State Constitutions through the shredder today. Maybe that is the goal? It's already too late for many! Don't wait until it's too late for ALL. End these mandates, block federal overreach, uphold the State and US Constitutions and individual liberty! Don't capitulate to money from PACs or the demands of the Governor, Listen to We the People!

Respectfully,
Jeff Jansen

22rs2357

Gerald Johnson

Proponent of bills

Written testimony only

Hello, my name is Gerald Johnson. I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, a parent, a veteran, and lover of my country.

Vaccine mandates are unconstitutional and must be stopped. All workers need to be protected, healthcare, federal, aviation, all workers.

My concerns are this:

1. My family has been touched by covid. My mother-in law nearly died from covid after being fully vaccinated. My brother and sister-in-law did not have covid shots, and could not receive treatment because of not having the shot. They were both gravely ill. For that, I think the mandate and is garbage.
2. The restrictions on the medical community through policy are a crime. It has been turned into a money game. Doctors and others in the scientific community have spoken out against the shot. Nobody should be required to get it when it could be harmful to them.
3. If it doesn't stop now, when does it stop. Now, they're coming for our children. I have been informed vaccines for children are being given out in schools. It should only be done with written express permission from parents. Or better yet, in a clinical setting only. It may not happen here in our conservative area yet, but other children matter too and we must protect them.

I fear if the vaccine is pushed on our children in the schools, it will tear our country apart. As a concerned citizen and loving father and veteran, I do not want to see conflict in my country. Therefore, I am writing this letter encouraging all statesmen and women to stop this and stand for individual liberties and rights.

I am a veteran that has seen war and the effects of it in foreign nations and the collapse of government. I am speaking up and becoming involved in the process peacefully because I will not stand to see violence break out in my nation. I want to do my part to stop it as a citizen with the rights that I have and speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,

Gerald Johnson

Bill #22rs2356& #22rs2357

Michelle Johnson <mdj7091@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:08 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon,

I am writing in regards to bill numbers 22rs2356 and 22rs2357. My name is Michelle Johnson of Overland Park, KS. I am against any government office having a say over my health decisions. My employer as well as the government should not have access to any medical records for any reason.

Sincerely

Michelle Johnson

--

Blessings,

Michelle Johnson

*"I can do **ALL** things through Christ who gives me strength"*
Philippians 4:13

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Amy Johnston <athomeamyj@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:35 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

I while I am not anti-vaxx, I am anti-mandate. Please vote accordingly.

Ref:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Sent from Amy's iPhone.

Jerlynn Johnston
Concordia, KS
Cloud County
11/10/2021

To Whom it may concern:

I am reaching out to you today in regard to bill 22RS2357. I don't think anyone forced to leave their position of employment because they chose not to receive an experimental treatment, known to cause serious side effects, should be denied the right to receive unemployment benefits. What the government and employers are doing to We the People is unconstitutional and should be stopped IMMEDIATELY! I don't even recognize this America I'm living in, the land of the FREE. Free to make choices without coercion, doesn't seem like that's what is happening here. I stepped away from a job due to mandates and I don't believe anyone should be forced to live without financial support because they chose to make a decision based on their personal experiences, values, and beliefs. I have been a Registered Nurse for 15 years, I am in support of the individuals strongly taking a stand against these ridiculous rules, regulations, and "mandates." Please support this bill and allow people to draw the unemployment they have earned.

Thank you,
Jerlynn Johnston

November 10, 2021

RE: SB 22rs2357

ATTN: Special Committee on Government Overreach

Dear Legislators,

I am providing written testimony that I am AGAINST Government mandates of COVID-19 vaccines. This bill needs to include protection of our freedom to make our own medical decision which is between us and our physician. This bill needs to include our protection from unemployment issues if an exemption is denied.

I am a BSN; RN and my position is that we the people need to be FREE to choose what is best for their own health and that of their families. It is NOT the responsibility of the Government or Employers to mandate our health. Please STOP this Government Overreach and protect our Freedoms in America and Kansas. The Government has no right to dictate that a vaccine is mandatory or be fired or mandated for our children. This was an Emergency Use Vaccine with no long-term studies of risks and side effects. Please review the VAERS reports, and this is a less than 1 percent of actual numbers. The censorship and control by the media have gone too far and honest facts need to be reported about vaccine injuries and deaths. People are NOT being given informed consent. I personally had a friend die two days after the second dose of vaccine and he was active and healthy prior to this.

Ask yourself why has the Government has not mandated healthier lifestyle choices, instead of a face mask and vaccine? They have not mandated stopping smoking due to lung cancer, fast food due to Obesity or self-care to boost the immune system. What if an employer fired someone due to Obesity? I have worked as an RN for over 30 years but no longer employed in my nursing career, due to vaccine mandates.

This Government overreach has gone on far too long. What started as 2 weeks to flatten the curve, we are now nearly 2 years into Covid. Please protect our Freedoms and Stop Government Overreach in Kansas!

Thank you,

Linda Johnston, BSN, RN

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

I am in full support of 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 draft bills. I believe these are great beginnings to help protect the freedoms of Kansans. Thank-you for your time and efforts. I would, however, like to make some additional suggestions.

AS to 22RS2356, I support this bill, but I would implore you to consider writing in protection for physicians whose licenses are being threatened because they have a differing opinion from bureaucratic policy, procedure and treatment. (see section 1(a)(1)). Also, I would like to see some measures taken that allows for natural immunity as a substitute for any vaccine.

We also need an addition that makes vaccine passports illegal. This should apply to travel, services, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, education, health care and employment.

Lastly, we need to protect our children. Parents have the sole responsibility of their children and the government or school system should in no way in be able to usurp or interfere with parental judgement. Large fines and severe discipline should take place against schools and personnel that vaccinate children without the expressed, written permission of that child's parents. Schools/school personnel should also not be allowed to coerce students to pressure their parents into getting the vaccine. It is not the job of a teacher or institution to decide what medical actions need to be taken with students.

I would also beg you to include some sort of recourse for those employees whose exemptions are approved but their accommodations are harsh or discriminatory in nature. Forcing harsh accommodations is basically forcing an employee to reveal their medical status. This is discriminatory and could lead to far more problems for the employer and employee.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am praying for you all as you make these great decisions. Please, please, please don't waste your time in just passing something to merely say you did *something*. The people of Kansas want (and need) you to stand up for our freedoms. The time is now. God-speed.

Sabrina Julian

Wichita, KS 67235

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

I am in full support of 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 draft bills. They are a great start to fixing some of the symptoms of a greater issue. That greater issue is the lack of respect for the individual freedom and responsibility of each member of these United States.

I have some thoughts/suggestions regarding each bill and some general suggestions as well:

In reference to 22RS2357, I support this bill and the principle of protecting the benefits of those wrongfully terminated due to refusal of an employee's religious or medical exemption, however, it would seem that this bill would be unnecessary if 22RS2356 was made law. Under 22SR2356, no employee should be terminated due to refusal of an employer to recognize that employee's religious or medical exemption. The back payment date should be changed to the earliest date of vaccine mandates in Kansas (I think July 2021). Ideally, it would be nice if our governments would remove themselves entirely from welfare programs.

In reference to 22RS2356, I support this bill but would like the legislature to consider protections for licensed physicians that receive threats to remove their licensing because they don't follow the popular ideas of the day (see section 1(a)(1)). Each physician should be considered autonomous, but it seems today that if you have a second opinion (which is a hallmark of American medicine), you could be de-licensed.

Lastly, I would like the legislature to consider some general thoughts related to the COVID topic:

1. Wherever in Kansas regulation there are exemptions for Medical or Religious beliefs, please add exemptions for Conscientious or Philosophical reasons. There are other states that have these exemptions and Kansas should too. The latest Federal Vaccination Mandates have brought to light a group of patriots that don't specifically have a religious or medical reason to refuse, but instead firmly believe in the rule of law in the United States and see the Mandates as illegal (I agree). An unlawful order or law is no law.
2. Kansas needs a bill making any vaccine passport illegal. This should apply to services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities. Montana has a good example to build on in HB0702. I would advise against exemptions for nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. The abuse that we have seen in retirement homes over the past 20 months *must* stop. I watched my wife's grandfather deteriorate through the plate glass window of a retirement home. We were only given a single day with him before he died.
3. Lastly, extensive protections should be provided to our children. Children are the sole responsibility of their parents and the state should see their way out of these decisions...period. High penalties should be enacted against schools and personnel that attempt to vaccinate without the express, written permission of parents. These penalties should extend to school personnel that try to convince children that their parents don't love or care for them if they don't follow the school's health recommendations.

Please do not settle for a small "stop-gap" bill in lieu of actual legislation with teeth.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

No King but Jesus!

Shaun Julian
Wichita Ks 67235

SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT PLEASE

Russ Katt <russell.katt@ymail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:22 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am in favor of you signing the affidavit to call a special session regarding bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357.

I personally believe that health choices are to remain between the patient and their respective doctor(s). No matter what position a person takes regarding getting the shot, the mandates are an absolute over reach by the government. I understand that there are risks without the vaccine. I am not willing to accept the risks associated with a vaccine that was created in too short of time and is producing too many adverse side effects. This country was founded on personal freedoms, and that should afford me the right to decide what is put into my body. Not someone in Washington DC. We've had Covid19 in our house not once, but twice. I never contracted it. I have been exposed at work, (by fully vaccinated people) and never contracted the virus.

I am at the pinnacle of my career with a great company, and now I am facing losing this job that I've worked my whole career for. if not stopped, not only will I lose my job but I will lose any unemployment benefits that would be owed to me.

I implore you to stand up for freedom and the individual choice regarding the vaccine.

Thank you for your time,

-Russ

"Be too positive to be doubtful, too optimistic to be fearful, and too determined to be defeated."

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates 22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied Citizen Testimony

Patti Kettler <pkettler54@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 9:45 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Patricia A. Kettler. I live at 16802 W. 83rd Street, Lenexa, KS. I have lived in Kansas for 30 plus years.

I am a retired person. The legislation referenced above will not effect my livelihood (the ability to support myself and my family) but it will effect my ability to acquire a vast range of services, e.g. medical services, transportation, perhaps even medical necessities because of the lack of employees to provide services. There is a clear potential negative impact on my family's well being if this legislation is passed.

Vaccine mandates lack scientific support!

1. The vast majority of current cases are the Delta variant. The current vaccines in use (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J) were not designed for this variant. <https://viz.jocogov.org/t/Public/views/JohnsonCountyKS-COVID-19Update/Dashboard?isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y>
2. The original purpose of "The Vaccine" was to stop transmission of the Covid 19 virus. It does not do this, therefore it is not a vaccine, perhaps more like a dangerous prophylactic. <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2021/new-data-on-covid-19-transmission-by-vaccinated-individuals>
3. People who are fully vaccinated are dying daily. The credible scientific studies cannot be completed and published fast enough to prove the very questionable value of these vaccines, particularly for those less than 65 years old and in good health. The following are not the most qualified sources, but I'm in a hurry. I encourage you to do your own due diligence before making a vote that will impact so many lives. <https://www.deseret.com/coronavirus/2021/7/20/22584134/whats-going-on-in-israels-outbreak-among-vaccinated-people>; <https://www.ibtimes.com/10857-fully-vaccinated-americans-have-died-covid-19-30000-hospitalized-3326930>
<https://stuartbramhall.wordpress.com/2021/09/28/uk-hospital-data-shocks-the-world-80-of-covid-deaths-are-among-the-vaccinated-covid-deaths-up-3000-after-vaccine-wave/>
4. My husband has COPD. He has received the Pfizer vaccines and a booster. Based on the information I provided him, he was concerned that he was not really protected, especially when I presented the information about prophylactic's e.g. monoclonal antibodies, etc in Florida which now has the lowest infection rate in the US and the use of Ivermectin in many countries, most notably in India. His pulmonary physician, renowned in the Midwest, met our prophylactic request. He has seen first hand the effectiveness of prophylactic's among the vaccinated and unvaccinated who have tested positive. Those who refused the prophylactic died while those treated with prophylactics started improving in 2 days. Do the research. Peer reviewed research on India are being published as we speak.
5. I have had one Pfizer Covid Vaccine shot. I had temporary nerve damage to my face and went to the hospital concerned I was having a stroke. I refuse to get any further shots for fear I will have a stroke or suffer permanent nerve damage. Go through that experience yourself. Here is recent testimony of those who have suffered from the shot, which is not technically a vaccine. <https://soveren.media/video/hear-the-suppressed-voices-of-the-vaccine-injured-234.html>

There are so many other points I could make, many fully substantiated by peer reviewed scientific research and many others that analyze data trends that make it difficult to reach any conclusions that support vaccine mandates. I beg you to be apolitical, responsible, caring citizen representatives and reject this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Kettler

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
[Avast logo](#) www.avast.com

Written testimony on 22rs2357

Chairman Erickson and committee members:

THANK YOU for taking the time to form the Special Committee on Government Overreach and Impact of COVID-19 Mandates, and to discuss this bill.

However, it seems this bill doesn't go far enough to protect Kansans. This bill needs to be edited.

For example, vaccine mandates **MUST BE BANNED**.

Also, please protect all workers – medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. So many **WILL NOT** be helped by these bills.

The health status of an employee should not be the business of an employer.

Please also give the individual the right to refuse, per the Right to Refuse Law <https://nationalhealthfreedomaction.org/righttorefuse/>

Thank you for considering these edits.

Please keep America free for **ALL**, regardless of race, religious beliefs, and vaccine status!

Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain safety will not have, nor do they deserve, either one. Benjamin Franklin

Thanks again for everything you are doing at this critical time!

Karma Kitto

Hillsboro, KS

5 Reasons the Vaccine Must Be Voluntary

1. Requiring People To Take An Experimental Vaccine Is Unethical And Unconstitutional
2. No One Will Guarantee Your Safety
3. The Vaccine Is Not Proven to Prevent Transmission Or Reduce Deaths
4. One-Size-Fits-All Medicine Is Short-Sighted and Dangerous
5. Informed Consent Is A Basic Human Right

<https://standforhealthfreedom.com/blog/5-reasons-vaccine-must-be-voluntary/> Here is an explanation of each of the above points.

More research that validates the points above:

81 Research Studies Confirm Natural Immunity to COVID 'Equal' or 'Superior' to Vaccine Immunity <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/research-natural-immunity-covid-brownstone-institute/>

The reporting system for adverse events/deaths from vaccines <https://www.openvaers.com/>

VAERS data released by the CDC includes a total of 752,803 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 15,937 deaths and 105,758 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020 and Sept. 24, 2021. <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/vaers-cdc-deaths-injuries-covid-vaccines/>

22rs2357

Peter Klug <paklug59@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 12:46 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please protect unemployment benefits if vacation waver is denied. **22rs2357**

Thank you,

Peter Klug, Goddard Kansas.

BILL NUMBERS (22rs2356/22rs2357) - Medical Mandates are Human Rights Violations

Levin <lev1in@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:23 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Article 3 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person". Medical mandates, which force humans to under threat of punishment to inject chemicals into their bodies, clearly violate the life, liberty, and security of person rights of every human being. You MUST add language to these bills which clarifies our basic national principle of liberty and body autonomy and rejects any action by any government to force a human being to ingest or inject any chemical into their body for any reason. The medical mandates being suggested and applied through backdoor federal agency and business collusion violate both our Constitutional rights as Americans and our global universal rights as human beings. End all medical mandates especially this COVID vaccination mandate. No one has a right to do this to anyone.

Diane Levin
Prairie Village, KS

Bill No. 22rs2357

November 10, 2021

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members:

I support calling a special session and support bill No. 22rs2357. However, despite my support of the bill, it does not do enough to support Kansans. I want this to be retroactive from July 1st, 2021, so those that lost jobs can have their jobs back with full benefits, compensation, and damages. I have the right to work my job without my employer dictating to me items regarding my health. My health freedoms are being trampled and I should not be forced from my job because of my willingness or refusal to accept unnecessary medial treatments. This must stop, and you must protect those who have already been forced out. I urgently employ you to stand for Kansans and our rights to work.

Linda Liester

Hoxie, KS

Bill Proponent

Written Testimony Only

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Lowry <mbbklowry@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 5:02 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

This is addressing:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Why this affects me is that I have been considering returning to the work force. I am 64-years-old and had a full work life with Boeing and Viega plus numerous other companies since 1975. I have skills that could be used full or part time, but the thought of vaccine mandates will prevent me from going back into any location that is subjected to a mandate.

I have a brain and would like to continue using it, but going into places of work that mandates my personal health choices does not appeal to me or most people that I know.

I have friends that are nurses that have left their positions due to vaccine mandates. What a horrific thing to have happen to these devoted and well-skilled nurses. This is a grave loss to us as their patients.

The State of Kansas does not need vaccine mandates forced on any business or organization of any size. Protect our personal autonomy and ability to be employed at all stages of our lives.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth Lowry
Newton, KS

[SUSPECTED SPAM] Testimony regarding 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

makicraig@aol.com

Wed 11/10/2021 12:37 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To the 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandates:

On behalf of myself, my family, my coworkers and my network of politically active and concerned friends, I want to testify that we are strongly in favor of a special session to consider **22rs2356** and **22rs2357**. We are in favor of these bills but feel very strongly that **language needs to be added to each which ensures the protection of personal autonomy and the individual's right to make their own medical decisions, and the right to keep those decisions private.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Craig Maki
Goddard KS

22rs2356/22rs2357

Terry Malnar <terrimalnar@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:05 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Legislators,

I applaud you for your willingness to write legislation to protect individual rights provided in the US and Kansas constitutions, and I agree with both bills. However, I ask that you include in the language that the government has NO RIGHT to take away individual liberty. As an individual, only I can make decisions about my body and my health. And HIPPA regulations require that my medical decisions remain private. And I have a right to consciously object to a shot based on my religious, moral, and ethical convictions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Therese M Malnar
[9806 W. 125th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66213](mailto:9806.W.125th.Terrace.Overland.Park.KS.66213)

Chairman Erickson and Committee members,

I stand fully behind and in full support of bill draft 22RS2356. Both this and bill draft 22RS2357 I believe represent what is true of my rights as well as so many others' rights as American citizens. These are common sense bills that if the law were followed the first time shouldn't even be necessary. But, because of the current situation we find ourselves in bill drafts 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 are what is best for everyone. Kansans are fed up with the overreach of our federal government and are looking to our leadership in Kansas to take a stand not just for what is right for Kansans but Americans as a whole. Other states have already led the way in this, and Kansas needs to follow suite and at least begin doing what is right for Kansans; so, we can eventually Lord willing help be the change nationally that is right for everyone.

I stand fully behind and in full support of bill draft 22RS2357. This again, is common sense legislation that needs to be passed.

This legislation is for all Americans. We all benefit from the ability to make our own medical decisions and not be threatened by losing our livelihood or freedoms for going against a clear government overreach. Anything that says otherwise is not just un-American it's unconstitutional and more importantly immoral and I would argue as a pastor even more importantly than that un-biblical.

Lastly, **Romans 13** in the Bible states the importance of submission to authorities, but only as long as that authority is in submission to God. That's part of the basis for the origin of the "An Appeal to Heaven" flag being flown around. If we cannot appeal to our government for our God-given/God-ordained "inalienable" rights the only place left is to defy and appeal to heaven. That's where my hope rests anyways.

Please do right and support bill drafts 22RS2356 and 22RS2357. Thank you.

-Ethan Mandeville
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Pending COVID Bills

Karen Martin <kkmartin57@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 12:47 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

As a tax paying citizen living in a Republic Democracy, at least still as of today, The erosion of my free will to exercise my own medical care is unacceptable. I understand that with pending bills dealing with my medical/health freedoms will deny me the right to decide my own medical care. Either these bills must be voted NO or they must be changed.

Karen Martin
OP KS Resident

--
Our National Motto Has Always Been

"IN GOD WE TRUST" Why have we forgotten?

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have." Thomas Jefferson

Request to Kansas Legislature

Joseph Marvil <joseph.marvil536@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 5:09 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Sirs and Maams;

Yesterday the Kansas Special Committee presented 2 proposed bills:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

I feel that The Special Committee COMPLETELY missed the boat on both proposals. THIS IS NOT A VACCINE. But I digress. Please accept my written testimony to let the Special Committee know how these mandates were VIOLATING MY INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM!

Any health decision that you make for yourself and/or your family is YOUR BUSINESS ONLY.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the legislature to add language to these two bills or just write one entirely NEW one that just states that the Government has NO RIGHT to take away our individual liberty.

Sincerely,
J.C. Marvil
Olathe



Kansas Hospital
ASSOCIATION

TO: Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates

FROM: Tara Mays, Vice President State Legislative Relations

DATE: November 12, 2021

RE: rs2357

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the work of this committee to address some of the issues related to the federal vaccine mandate.

We continue to hear from our hospitals regarding the challenges that they are facing. We have hospitals that have been battling COVID-19 for the last 20 months and have seen the direct impacts on the workforce: staff burnout, early retirements, and young professionals leaving due to the current stresses of working in these difficult times.

For many hospitals, the federal mandate was an entirely new meal on an already full plate. We have hospitals, particularly in rural parts of the state, gravely concerned that the impacts of the federal mandate may cost more staff in an already stretched thin workforce, with no new pipeline of talent to access.

However, while workforce challenges are an area that needs serious attention, the revisions proposed in rs2357 have the potential to make the workforce challenges facing our hospitals even worse. By providing unemployment benefits to those that voluntarily leave employment by refusing to comply with COVID-19 vaccination requirements, the state has the potential to incentivize continued unemployment.

We believe that the creation of a new eligibility clause for unemployment benefits by declining to accept work in relation to the condition of employment opens the door for future intervention in conditions of employment, which we feel is best handled by the employer rather than in state statute.

Additionally, by retroactively applying benefits for those voluntarily leaving employment, you open up the potential for any employee having already left employment to claim retroactive benefits with no official tie to a COVID-19 vaccine requirement.

Further, we have heard from our hospitals that they have significant concerns about the potential costs related to the provisions outlined in rs2357.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on rs2357.

Bill# 22rs2357
Darien McAnany
Proponent

To: Special Committee on Government Overreach and Impact of
COVID-19 Mandates

Dear Committee Members,

This bill LACKS enough protection and doesn't have a wide enough scope. It falls way short of what I want to protect my health freedom.

Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. Period.

Sincerely,

Darien McAnany
Spring Hill, KS. 66083

Bill# 22rs2357
Kathy McAnany
Proponent

To: Special Committee on Government Overreach and Impact of
COVID-19 Mandates

Dear Committee Members,

This bill LACKS enough protection and doesn't have a wide enough
scope. It falls way short of what I want to protect my health freedom.

Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. Period.

Sincerely,

Kathy McAnany

Spring Hill, KS. 66083

22rs2356

22rs2357

Please sign the affidavit to call a special session.

Please add language to these bills,

We have always had medical freedom, We cannot allow the Biden administration to take those rights away.

I have been affected by Covid-19. I have natural immunity, therefore have antibodies. I oppose the government overreach of the covid-19 mandates. I support medical freedom to maintain basic American rights. I oppose the masks (especially the masking of our children in school. There is NO evidence of the masks. The masks are a symbol of submission to the government. This is another overreach that I oppose.

It is our God Given right that we have Freedom In America.

These mandates are unjust! No one should be forced to get this shot. There is not enough testing done of this so called (vaccine) . No one is talking about the Vaers report.

As for children, it is a parent's right to decide for their children not the government.

We have rights in America and I feel they are being taken away. We need to stand up for Freedom.. This is America!

Shari McCants

Overland Park, Kansas

United Voices of Kansas

515-208-6312

22rs2357

Connor McDonald

Proponent of the bill

Written Testimony

For the protection of those who might lose their employment over resistance to a dangerous and unconstitutional mandate, members of the Kansas legislature must stand up and support this bill. Those who have religious concerns, health problems, or other legitimate reasons for refusing the vaccine should be protected and should be accommodated in their current position. Kansas must protect its workers not only from regulations from the federal government, but also from private corporations that would seek to deny a valid exemption, and refuse to provide accommodations. For this reason, I am writing in support of 22rd2357

November 10, 2021

Re: Support **22rs2357**, written testimony

Dear Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19,

I support legislation requiring companies to provide unemployment pay if they choose to fire or put an individual on unpaid leave for refusing the covid-19 shot. This is discrimination and cannot be tolerated in Kansas. We are guaranteed freedoms under the constitution, businesses are not.

Thank you,
Melissa McDonald
Kansas resident

Written Testimony on Proposed Bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Austin Meier <meieraa33@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:29 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

cc: Charisse Meier - ICE <charissemeier@gmail.com>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members,

I am writing this email with the intent of it being used as written testimony only.

I support the two proposed bills, 22rs2356 and 22rs2357, with the addition of language to fully address all of those impacted in the various circumstances being faced.

- Neither bill takes into consideration the protection of personal autonomy.
- Neither bill provides protection of freedom to make one's own medical decision and the rights to keep that decision private.

This great country has always provided individuals with the right to medical freedom and based on these latest COVID-19 mandates, the current administration is hell bent on stripping away those freedoms by removing the privacy of the patient-doctor relationship and allowing the federal government (through the private employers) to become the decision maker on one's health choices. The private employers should not be fined for not mandating health to the employees nor should the medical field (i.e. doctors and physicians) face scrutiny and disciplinary action for providing recommendations contrary to the government's direction.

My contact information is as follows:

Austin Meier
1607 N 1021 Rd.
Lawrence, KS 66046
920-203-2906

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Austin Meier

COVID overreach

Jessica Ediger <jessicaanderic410@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:56 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

these mandates are completely unconstitutional. I'm embarrassed that Kansas, a conservative state full of normal, logical and hard working people are even considering this nonsense!

Never in the history of the flu has this ever been forced on people this will change everything. When the government starts over reaching in this manner it's a short road to a dictatorship. If they can tell me what vaccines I have to get them they can tell me who I am allowed to see, and what I'm allowed to eat then where does it stop!

The logic and science behind this is flawed and besides that forcing this on the Kansas people is disgusting and goes against everything that America was founded on!

Please do not let the few liberal parties that reside in the big cities of our state steal our God given rights of freedom, the liberty to chose medical procedures for us and our families. Keep Kansas conservative and prosperous. Don't fall for the left's ridiculous power grab! Think a few steps ahead of this and any sane person can see what's coming for our state. Look at Florida and be encouraged. We do not have to bow to this. I urge you not to implement this trash!

Pleadingly Jessica Miller

Vaccine mandates

Suzanne Miller <mindym5@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 5:07 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Congressmen,

I am petitioning you concerning the bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357.

These bills do not protect my personal autonomy, nor my medical freedom to make my own decisions. I as an American citizen need to have my own medical decisions Private, between me and my doctor. Please pass bills with the language protecting all residence of Kansas from government overreach. Thank you.

Suzanne Miller
420 Cherokee
Inman, Kansas
Sent from my iPhone

22rs2357, Mark Monnington, Proponent, Written

I work for a large corporation. I have made it clear to my company that I do not believe it is the responsibility of my company or the government to make medical decisions for me or my family. Threatening someone with losing their job or freedom is coercion. It goes against the person's conscience, and everything in our free society speaks against this approach. It is interesting that the leaders in our corporation are having regrets in the way this has been approached. Employees are not in support of the way the government or employers are approaching this using fear and coercion, which then results in any trust we placed in the entities being removed.

Proponent Testimony for 22RS2357
Written Only

Chairman Erickson and Special Committee members:

I am writing in favor of passing 22RS2357. While I feel this bill falls short of actions we can and should take to protect Kansans, it is at least a step in the right direction. These mandates are an egregious usurpation of power, states (not just Kansas) should all be outraged and take action to protect citizens from these attacks on personal liberty.

What's next, a mandate for gastric bypass for those deemed overweight? Perhaps sterilization to prevent pregnancy? These mandates are not the problem, they are a symptom of the problem. We must stop all federal mandates and return to the federalism spelled out under our constitution. The "Supremacy Clause" is not a blank check, it is constrained by Article I, Section 8 enumerated powers.

We must pass this bill, but we must not stop there.

Michael Murphy
Rep 114th Dist.

November 10, 2021
WRITTEN Testimony
PROPONENT of 22rs2357

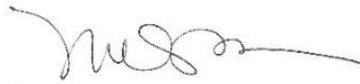
Melissa Neville
Riley County, District 22

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members,

Thank you for your efforts in this committee. I am a **proponent** of this effort, but these bills do not go far enough to protect Kansans. Vaccine mandates must be banned! All workers deserve to be protected from these measures and the fallout from them. The health status of an employee is not the business of an employer. I would like to see a bill that would protect health freedom and our rights to refuse emergency countermeasures. Ultimately, I would like to see SB 212 and SB 213 brought back into consideration.

Please consider this issue carefully. Do we as citizens want to give up control of our bodies? Who must live with the consequences of that decision? Please protect Kansans and stop these mandates!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa Neville

BILLS 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Beth New <bethnew@kc.rr.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:15 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Regarding the Bills **22rs2356** and **22rs2357** both need ADDED language for protection of **personal medical autonomy** which includes freedom to make your own medical decisions AND the right to privacy regarding those decisions. Those provisions are KEY to keeping the government OUT of personal medical decisions.

Respectfully,

John & Beth New
8998 W.193rd Terrace
Bucyrus, KS

Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you so much for undertaking this grave issue for Kansans. Our very freedoms are at stake, and we need your protection against federal, state, county and local overreach.

I am an opponent to this bill for the following reasons: there should be no conditions at all regarding this vaccine. There should be no discussion between employers and employees about medical matters. Employers can no longer discriminate against gender, religion, and age. Medical issues should be added to the list.

This bill only covers employees with medical and religious exemptions. What about the employees who simply do not want this vaccine? They have been left out here. There are many concerns about it's safety, and the fact is that there an almost 100% recovery rate, there are good therapeutics, and the majority of society is in no danger of the virus. If they get it, they'll recover like any other illness. Employees should not have to provide any reason to their employers. But first and foremost, we should not even be talking about this. Employers never ask if we've gotten a flu shot, or a shingles shot, or if we've gotten a mammogram or colonoscopy. They don't ask if we've been to the doctor this year, or if we've donated blood. Since when does an employer have the right to demand any of these things? They don't, so why is this an issue? It's because of the Biden administration MAKING IT AN ISSUE.

Protection should come from our Governor and while she's been vocal about being against this mandate, I doubt if she'll issue an EO to stop it like Governor DeSantis did.

Please adjust the language in 22RS2356 to simply say employees are free to take or not take the shot without discrimination. Do not leave out the employees who do not have medical or religious exemptions OR worse yet, force employees to lie about their real reason. That's as bad as making an employee take the shot. Going against one's convictions is a horrible thing. It haunts people forever. I am a Christian woman and I am pro-life but I should not have to fall on that sword to successfully avoid this vaccine. No is no...no reason is necessary. Why does the employee need to give a reason? Some employers are asking their employees if they've had the vaccine. That should be illegal. Many employees object to that and feel uncomfortable giving an answer because what will the next question be? It's all too invasive.

I've sat through a few job interviews in my life and never could an employer have asked me if I intended to have children or if I were married much less if I'd been vaccinated for anything.

No, this is wrong at so many levels so please just nip it in the bud: no vaccination discrimination of any kind is legal, period.

Thank you for reading my testimony and attending to this important topic: FREEDOM AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

Most sincerely,

Jill R. O'Connor
12632 Walmer
Overland Park, Kansas 66209
1-913-220-4925

Lelan E. Olsen
P.O. Box 46
603 Oak Street
Overbrook, KS 66564

11.11.2021

To Whomever it May Concern in the Kansas Legislative Body:

I sincerely appreciate the Kansas Legislature's consideration of two bills, 22rs2356 and 22rs2357. With Kansas' battle to be founded as a Free State, the burden of historical responsibility to the charter of Freedom, should rightfully loom large, and bear heavily, on any decision regarding laws governing the individuals under said charter.

I'm asking the Kansas Legislature to honor the ideology upon which it's jurisdiction was founded to support, that of, limited government that exists to protect the right of the individuals, and take steps away from an authoritarian tyranny that not only has threatened, but was granted entry, to our federation and state, with the SARS-CoV-2 and it's variants arrival on our shores.

It is appropriate that this letter is being sent on Veterans day. The bills in question, though facing in the right direction, do not go far enough to honor the lives and legacies of those in our nation's founding, and thereafter, including citizens of this territory cum state, who found that the fight against tyranny was a cause worthy of the potential loss of their comfort, their freedom, their health, their lives, and stepped forward in the best ways they knew how, to defend the ideals of Freedom. I ask that the Kansas Legislature do no less in their consideration of these bills.

An individual should not be discriminated against on the basis of personal medical records, or lack thereof. In that vein, I ask that the Kansas Legislature mandate Health Freedom by legislating to:

- 1) Protect ALL workers: medical, nursing home, aviation, and federal workers working in the jurisdiction of this state, including those already being presented for consideration in these bills, from the above discrimination, *retroactively* from July 1st, 2021.
- 2) Ban ALL vaccine mandates, state and federal, and the both of aforesaid Executive Branch's right to impinge on an individual's freedom of choice regarding what the State (federal or Kansas), has the right to put into the bodies of those under it's jurisdiction.
- 3) Enact protections for the right of individuals to refuse emergency countermeasures.

Respectfully,

Lelan E. Olsen



November 12, 2021

Dear Chairwoman Erickson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity activists in Kansas, I thank you for this opportunity to testify today. While AFP appreciates the core goals of this special session, I am sharing concerns regarding the new policy proposal to grant unemployment insurance eligibility to Kansas workers who refuse vaccinations required by government at their workplace or independently by private businesses as a condition of employment.

AFP has significant concerns over the Biden Administration vaccination mandate on employers and is actively engaged in driving government accountability for the legal and constitutional issues surrounding the policies related to the mandate, and we believe this approach of challenging these government policies head on at their source is the best approach.

Extending unemployment to individuals based on vaccination issues could lead to a number of unintended consequences for employees, employers, and all Kansans as taxpayers and consumers. Such a policy would strain Kansas' unemployment trust fund further after a challenging 2020-2021 period and create new employment disincentives including potential for misuse by some. Even if well-intended, the resulting budget challenges and lost employment in our state could do more harm than good while again failing to ultimately resolve issues around the federal government vaccination policies that have rightly drawn grave concerns from many.

Other states like [Florida](#) are contemplating joining the [22 states](#) that currently operate their own plans under the Occupational Safety and Health Act as it relates to requirements for both private sector and state and local government workers. Kansas is under federal OSHA jurisdiction which covers most private sector workers within the state. Developing an approved, delegated state program could offer an avenue for greater state influence in the face of future federal mandates.

Finally, AFP also shares concerns raised by Attorney General Schmidt in recent challenges to mandates from [OSHA](#) and the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#). Thank you for the work you do.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patton
State Director
Americans for Prosperity-Kansas

RE: bills 22rs2356 & 22rs2357

Natalie Petersen <natalie.petersen10@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:41 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon,
I am writing in regards to bills:
22rs2356 & 22rs2357

These bills do not give me freedom to make my own medical decisions and to keep those decisions private. In America, every individual should have the right to make those decisions for themselves. Please keep our freedoms to make our own medical decisions.

Sincerely,
Natalie Petersen

Bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Lisa Peterson <tommyandlismo@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:38 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Committee Members,

I am emailing in regard to the two bills, 22rs2356 and 22rs2357, that are being presented. I am asking that you add language that would ensure protection of our personal autonomy and protection of our rights as individuals to make our own medical decisions and to keep those decisions private. As a mother of a daughter with a life threatening autoimmune disorder, this vaccine has the potential to decimate her already compromised immune system. She is a vibrant 21 year old looking to start an internship in Accounting this winter. Her desire is to work hard and be successful and these unconstitutional mandates threaten her ability to freely move forward with her dreams and aspirations. I have three daughters and I don't want any of them to have to compromise their health and personal liberties. NO ONE should have to choose between their livelihood and their health! Please do your part in keeping our freedoms, especially when it comes to personal health decisions.

Thank you for your service and for your time!

Warm regards,
Melissa Peterson
[14096 W. 157th St.](#)
[Olathe, KS 66062](#)

Bill numbers 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Melissa Pfister <melissareneepfister@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 12:42 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi,

My name is Melissa Pfister. I live at 5804 W. 157th Place in Overland Park in Johnson County. I have been a Kansas resident my entire life. I love Kansas. I have appreciated the conservative values that our state has maintained. This is why I continue to live here. This is also why I am extremely concerned about these two bills; **22rs2356** and **22rs2357**. I believe employer vaccine mandates do not allow Kansans the freedom to make their own health decisions. Please allow Kansans the continued right to decide what is medically necessary for themselves. Kansas employers should not be burdened with fines for allowing employees this freedom. We want successful businesses in Kansas who are able to hire any qualified person, and not to be forced to discriminate based on an individual's health choices. Kansans should not lose their livelihoods and income because of their persons health decisions. The government does not need to be involved in personal medical choices.

Thank you for your consideration,
Melissa Pfister

Bill No. 22RS2356 & 22RS2357

November 10, 2021

Written testimony in support of 22RS2356 & 22RS2357

Chairman Erickson and Committee:

A special session to consider bill number 22RS2356 and 22RS2357 must be called. Even though these bills falls short, they are a step in the right direction. I am confident legislators who have the best interests in their electorate will recognize that these bills will not sufficiently protect ALL Kansans. I feel strongly that all vaccine mandates must be banned.

On the rare occasion an exemption is granted, employees are encumbered with unreasonable and discriminatory restrictions. By far, the majority of employees are not granted exemptions and are being terminated. ALL of those citizens should be awarded unemployment benefits.

Please consider the rights of the citizens of Kansas. They are being trampled.

Sincerely,

Judy Pilewski
309 N Third Street
Lindsborg, KS 67456

To: Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of Covid-19 Mandates

22RS2357

Opponent of draft bill

Written only testimony

11/10/2021

I am completely in favor of ALL Federal Mandates concerning the Covid vaccine requirements. These mandates are reasonable and just to ALL citizens.

I urge this committee to reconsider your efforts for a “work-around” these well provisioned Federal Mandates. This is the only way we as a country can unite to get this virus under control.

How many more Kansans must die? How much more money must be wasted in ridiculous litigation, when so much can be used for the basic needs of our citizens?

Respectfully,
Liliane Pintar

Special Session

Qkby ; <fearlessdya@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:29 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

We the people need you to represent us and sign to call for a special session.

22rs2356

22rs2357

What makes the United States Great is our Rights and Freedom's. Up until Biden Administration and his Cronies, We The People had that. Our Country is quickly becoming that of a socialist nightmare and a Dictators dreams.

Part of the Constitution allows for a person to have the right to decide what is best for our own personal health. Medical Freedom from tyrants like Biden. The forced mandate on the Covid Shot takes away our freedom to choose what is right for us regarding our own medical circumstances and Healthcare choices that are best for our own person. Mandates like this are destroying our country, the constitution and our children's futures. The shot does not ensure that covid will not be spread and kill out the virus such as an actual vaccine does ie, small pox, polio.Those vaccines actually eradicated and ended those viruses. No it just makes the people who take it silent carriers,passing the virus without signs or symptoms.There are several very serious side effects from this so called vaccine. Ones that citizens do not want to risk. We deserve the right to make the choice if we want to take those risks. Many of us have gained natural immunity. Which is important in gaining herd immunity for this virus.This is not about our safety. This is about control and we the people have spoken. We want a choice and not to be forced like some Hitler regime Era. Please sign for Special Session on this important matter.

Thank You,
Deeya Pohlman
Fearlessdya@gmail.com
316 730 6926

My name is Branda Rawlins. I work as an RN in ER and in acute care. I have done this for 21 years. I am against any vaccine mandate. I believe in freedom of choice for all people. I know many good nurses and other healthcare workers who have lost their jobs or are currently having their jobs threatened due to this vaccine. The 22r2357 is a bill I am in favor of but would like to make the unemployment benefits retroactive to July 1.

re: affidavit you received r/t 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

deedledaddle <deedle47@protonmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 5:01 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>; Chuck Smith <Chuck.Smith@house.ks.gov>; Richard Hilderbrand <Richard.Hilderbrand@senate.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Rep. Charles Smith

Sen. Richard Hilderbrand

PLEASE sign the affidavit to call a special session.

There are two bills being presented:

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

The wording of these bills is unacceptable....Neither bill take into consideration the protection of my personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of my freedom to make my own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private.

The Biden Administration wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via private employers to become the decision maker for my health. Our employers should not be fined for not mandating our health; we simply will NOT allow this to happen.

Linda Reed

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." --Edmund Burke

#WWGIWGA

#Who made that rule and why do I have to follow it?

#Disobedience is the true foundation of Liberty!

#To know who you are you have to forget who they told you to be!

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Connie Reynolds <reynolds214@msn.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:46 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing in regards to bills **22rs2356** and **22rs2357** to ask you to sign the affidavit to call a special session regarding these vaccine mandates. We need to be able to keep our individual medical autonomy in this state. I have had Covid and according to all the science I have studies gives me greater protection than this vaccine and yet I am being faced with losing my job if I don't take this vaccine. This is a horrid overreach on our constitutional rights to be able to make our own personal autonomy for medical decisions without the government choosing for us. We should also have the right to keep those decisions private. My employer should not be fined for not mandating my health. I am asking you to carefully consider our individual rights and protect our person freedom when making your decisions and the language you include in these bills.

Thank you,
Connie Reynolds

Please help us be heard.

Wed 11/10/2021 10:24 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,
I received information of emails that were sent out regarding 22rs2356 and 22rs2357.
Please sign the affidavit to call a special session.

Please take into consideration the protection of my/our personal autonomy. Please provide protection of my freedom to make my own medical decisions and keep those private.

I have been a nurse 27 years now and I was notified yesterday I have until December 4th to start the vaccination process. I worked hard to become a nurse and I've worked hard as a nurse. I respect others choices and hope mine would be respected. I will lose my job if they don't accept my exemption. I am unsure if I would get unemployment if I get fired if they don't accept my exemption. Please fight for me as I have fought for my patients and will continue to do so until I am forced out of my job.

Sincerely,
Michele Reynolds

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates; 22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption

Renee Reynolds <reneeann1965@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 12:58 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Two things....

1. Please sign the Affidavit to call a special session.

We have always had medical freedom and now the Biden Administration wants to remove the patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employer's become my decision maker of my health. My employer should not be fined for not mandating my health; I simply DO NOT want this to happen.

Neither bill take into consideration the protection of my personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of my freedom to make my own medical decisions and the right to keep those decisions private. If nothing else, please add protection language into these bills.

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Dan Robertson <d Robertson133@gmail.com>

Thu 11/11/2021 7:51 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please sign the affidavit to call a special session to address these resolutions.

While I appreciate the Kansas legislature providing some protection by allowing for medical or religious exemptions, it is not enough. Citizens should be able to make medical choices for themselves, regardless if their doctor agrees and signs a form or if they have any religious objections.

In these resolutions, there is no provision for nor consideration for employees who are concerned about the safety of the so-called vaccine nor for those who have natural immunity because of contracting Covid-19 and recovering fully.

My medical information should always be private and is not of concern nor invaded by my employer or anyone else for that matter. Individuals take full responsibility for their health and no medical procedure or treatment should be forced upon our citizens.

While there is no direct evidence, I have suspicions that my 85 year old father had a stroke due to the vaccine. He contracted Covid-19 in November, 2020 and recovered. Though he would have natural immunity, he received the full dose of the Pfizer vaccine. In May he had a stroke. Though he has had some heart issues, he has a low form of hemophilia, so it is unlikely that he would have developed blood clots due to medical conditions.

I have a good friend whose niece nearly died after receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. After nearly 3 months in ICU, she is still suffering the long term effects of a bleeding disorder.

The efficacy of the vaccines is proving to be very low. Some of the latest statistics indicate that immunity lasts less than 6 months and is ineffective against new strains. They are also not fully approved because of the lack of testing and research.

These concerns for their health, the safety and efficacy of the vaccines, should be enough of a reason for someone to reject taking the vaccine. It is simply government overreach to attempt to control its citizens' health care.

Dan Robertson
403 S Prescott
Wichita ks

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Rebecca Robertson <lovehisword.rr@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:16 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please sign the affidavit to call a special session to address these resolutions.

While I appreciate the Kansas legislature providing some protection by allowing for medical or religious exemptions, it is not enough. Citizens should be able to make medical choices for themselves, regardless if their doctor agrees and signs a form or if they have any religious objections.

In these resolutions, there is no provision for nor consideration for employees who are concerned about the safety of the so-called vaccine nor for those who have natural immunity because of contracting Covid-19 and recovering fully.

My medical information should always be private and is not of concern nor invaded by my employer or anyone else for that matter. Individuals take full responsibility for their health and no medical procedure or treatment should be forced upon our citizens.

While there is no direct evidence, I have suspicions that my 85 year old father had a stroke due to the vaccine. He contracted Covid-19 in November, 2020 and recovered. Though he would have natural immunity, he received the full dose of the Pfizer vaccine. In May he had a stroke. Though he has had some heart issues, he has a low form of hemophilia, so it is unlikely that he would have developed blood clots due to medical conditions.

I have a good friend whose niece nearly died after receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. After nearly 3 months in ICU, she is still suffering the long term effects of a bleeding disorder.

The efficacy of the vaccines is proving to be very low. Some of the latest statistics indicate that immunity lasts less than 6 months and is ineffective against new strains. They are also not fully approved because of the lack of testing and research.

These concerns for their health, the safety and efficacy of the vaccines, should be enough of a reason for someone to reject taking the vaccine. It is simply government overreach to attempt to control its citizens' health care.

Thank you,
Rebecca Robertson
403 S. Prescott St.
Wichita, KS 67209
316-633-0666

Overreach on Covid restrictions

Jeanne Rotert <jeannerotert@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:06 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To the committee on government overreach:

This outrageous trampling of citizens rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and our Constitution must stop before we become another third world country. We are heading down that road rapidly!

This whole covid/vaccine thing is much more political than medical! It is a control issue *contrary* to a government "by the people."

Our individual freedoms are ignored. Lawless people are in top positions of power.

Legislators must respond with bold righteous decisions or we lose everything that hundreds of thousands have fought and died for in many wars going back hundreds of years. Legislators are responsible for their choices. Laws must state that government cannot interfere with personal, individual freedoms.

The Nuremberg Code MUST be publicized more. It is very timely. Most people are unaware of it.

Our country has been the gold standard for the world in the past. The reason is the freedom, rule of law, order and safety in our country based on our founding documents. Take that away, and we will have chaos.

We have lost the Fear of the Lord in our country. We have to find it again.

Jeanne Rotert

22rs2357, proponent, written only

Lacey Ruff <Lschroeder1@hotmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:38 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

My name is Lacey Ruff and I am sharing my written testimony regarding RS# 22rs2357. I am a proponent HOWEVER there are significant details and changes that must be made.

First, I am a registered nurse and have been since 2011. I have lived in Kansas all my life. I have been fortunate enough to have the ability to make my own medical decisions for myself and my family, up until this BIDEN mandate. Fortunately, Kansas currently has medical and religious exemptions however these rights are at risk of being stripped away. Medical treatment is NOT a one size fits all and shouldn't be forced. The current proposed bill does not go far enough to protect us. Staffing shortages, especially in healthcare, are only going to get worse as hospitals and healthcare entities enforce this mandate. WE MUST MAKE CHANGES TO THIS BILL TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH FREEDOM AND KEEP WORKERS PROTECTED. I am not alone on my stance, and I stand for MEDICAL FREEDOM! Vaccines should only be by choice and should never be mandated by the government. I am requesting a bill that will protect our health freedom and our right to refuse emergency countermeasures. Specifically, to offer full benefits, compensation, and damages to those that have lost their jobs for their right to refuse effective from July 1, 2021.

Thank you for your time,

May God grant you wisdom and discernment as you read testimonies and discuss these Bills.

Lacey R.

22rs2356, 22rs2357

Kay Rutherford <rutherford.kay@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:43 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Members of the Special Committee on Government Overreach,

As you consider bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357, I ask you to add wording that protects an individual's freedom to make his/her own medical decision and his/her right to keep medical decisions private.

Respectfully,

Diana Kay Rutherford
[9403 W. 194th Terrace](#)
[Bucyrus, KS 66013](#)

Bills 22rs2356/22rs2357

gloria ruttman <geras10@att.net>

Wed 11/10/2021 5:01 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Vote NO on these two bills. Both are infringing on our individual freedom and the right to make our own decisions and mandated by government.
Sent from my iPhone

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates & 22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

mike@gwgrace.org

Wed 11/10/2021 2:42 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am in favor of both these bills, but I am writing to ask you to please put in bold letters that the Government does not have the right to take away the liberty of its citizens. The Constitution affirms that and I'm sick and tired of Legislators twisting or circumventing our Constitution.

We are being run by a select group of elites. Please take moment and listen to a brief lecture by Dr. Portteus, Hillsdale College, explaining how today's "elite" are more concerned with controlling citizens through regulatory minutiae than enforcing laws that protect the lives and property of American citizens. This dangerous rejection of republican self-government has produced a regime that now operates as a pre-constitutional oligarchy. <https://youtu.be/YAK2SghKzxi>

Please let everyone know we are watching, and we will use the ballot box to get the representation and leadership we need.

Sincerely,

Mike Ryan
12386 W 82nd Pl
Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 568-4065

Bills 22rs2356: and 22rs2357

dsaddler@sctelcom.net

Wed 11/10/2021 8:16 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Senators and Representatives,

For decades we have voted for you on the premise that you fairly represented us and the Constitution of the United States, but that has not been the case in recent years. So, I am asking you to put your opinion and paid vote aside and do the right thing for Kansans. Please vote "no" on the above listed bills as they violate our God-given rights and freedoms.

Sincerely,

Dee Saddler
[11326 SE Highway 160](#)
[Sharon, KS 67138](#)

My name is Angela Sallman. I am in favor of bill 22rs2357,
And am asking you, **Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates**, to vote to move this bill to the floor.

I am supporting this bill because of current events and so many people I know facing coercion about getting the Covid vaccines. In my opinion this bill is not nearly enough to stop the federal government over reach, which the name of your committee implies you are addressing here today..

OSHA should not be a tool used by the president of our great country to force unwanted, never before used technology, biologics that change human body functions at the cellular level, into every living American. Especially if the reasoning of "KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE" doesn't apply to the vaccines in question. None of the current vaccines for Covid 19 STOP the spread. I am very disappointed in your committee for not addressing the OSHA issue at all.

However, I am in support of this bill because it does at least offer breadcrumbs to those being terminated from employment AFTER religious exemptions are denied. The real issue is religion should not be the only accepted reason allowed to say no. Employers should not have to police our medical decisions at all.

Neither bill before you today stop the coercion. The Coercion tactics of being forced to choose between an unwanted medical procedure and your job still will exist. The Coercion and the dire consequences of allowing it with a nod will be felt long into the future.

I implore you to do more than these 2 bills. But I thank you for these breadcrumbs, because I know people that are losing their jobs, their livelihoods. At least this bill recognizes those who do not bend the knee against their will, will need unemployment insurance. Insurance which they All paid into, should not be part of the COERCION PACKAGE our current president is literally using to force new technology into all Americans bodies, one needle at a time.

I know many Kansans who want accountability from you as our state representatives. We expect you to STOP the federal overreach, stop the abuse of our people. In my opinion this bill is just giving something back that never should have been taken away in the first place. Making it a little easier to forever give up our freedom to say no to medical procedures is **not stopping federal over reach. It is condoning it.**

So I thank you for your time today. **I hope you move this bill out of committee and into a special session ASAP. I also expect more from you than just this. I expect you to fight against federal overreach.**

BILL NUMBERS (22rs2356/22rs2357)

Alex Sanchez <365shift@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:00 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Alex Sanchez - Stated Position is AGAINST

To be clear, mask and vaccine mandates are a direct violation of our constitutional rights. Everything from the Medical Code of Ethics and informed consent has been purposefully ignored. These inoculations also violate all ten points of the Nuremberg Code. I am intentionally referring to the vaccine as an inoculation because it is technically, chemically, biologically, and otherwise NOT a vaccine. It doesn't contain ANY form of SARS Cov-2, bypassed all peer reviews processes, and bypassed ALL of the testing periods which typically run an average of ten years. The adverse reactions and deaths reported around the world should be enough evidence to suggest that ALL illegal and unconstitutional mandates should be suspended immediately!

Here is a link to an interview that clearly explains, WITH EVIDENCE, in great detail that these inoculations are NOT vaccines but are designed to genetically alter people via mRNA nanotechnology. Dr. Artis, Dr. Carrie Madej (KU Med Grad), and Karen Kingston (Former Pfizer pharmaceutical marketing specialist and biotechnology analyst) show irrefutable medical evidence.

<https://rumble.com/v08nth-dr-aridis-and-dr-carrie-madej-learn-from-karen-kingston-whats-really-in-th.html>

Dr. Kary Mullis, the inventor of the PCR test, was very clear in stating that the PCR test was being used incorrectly. It has been used to intentionally produce false positives at over 40 cycles. A positive test ONLY means that a virus in the "flu family" was detected, dead or alive. It is NOT capable of identifying or isolating ANY virus including SARS Cov-2.

To date, more people have died from these inoculations than ALL vaccines combined in history! Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine have a proven track record in treating this engineered virus that, in and of itself, has over a 99% survival rate. They were also banned in order to promote these inoculations under EUA. They are cost effective and Big Pharma wouldn't profit.

In case you are not aware, the following viruses hold US Patents which means that they were **CREATED** and don't exist in nature:

Coronavirus US-Patent 10130701
Zika ATTC VR-84 (Rockefeller Foundation)
BSE US-Patent 0070031450 A1
Swine Flu US-Patent CA2741523 A1
Ebola US-Patent 20120251502
H1N1 US-Patent 8835624
AIDS US-Patent 5676977

In closing, I urge you to have the Attorney General issue a subpoena to The Kansas Dept of Health and Environment, CDC, NIH, and the WHO to produce a SARS Cov-2 isolate. They will NOT be able to legally comply because **IT DOES NOT EXIST**. Please do your own research and follow the money trail. I am confident that you will make the correct **Constitutional** decision to halt **ALL** mandates!

Thank you

Bill 22rs2357

Kelley S <kelleyscherer@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:46 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Re: Bill **22rs2357**

I lost my job of 22 years because they decided they wanted everyone vaccinated. I am now looking for work, this is not right. THEY ACCEPTED NO EXCEPTIONS, THEY LOST 17 PEOPLE. No one, no matter what stage in life they are, should be forced out of work for not taking a shot that goes against their religious beliefs, and that is causing more damage than good and the government is not listening to all the reports of injuries.

Please sign the affidavit, and give people the right to their own medical choices for themselves and their family.

**Thank you,
Kelley Scherer
Wichita KS**

Special Committee on Government Overreach and Impact of COVID-19 Mandates

Angie Schieferecke <angieschieferecke@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:21 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am submitting my testament on 22R52357. I am opposed to this bill.
I am writing this message with regard to 22R52356. This is my testimony.

My testament is as follows: More than 6,000 Kansans died from CoVid, many of them elderly, as am I, and many of them died in nursing homes because workers brought the virus in to a very vulnerable population and are still doing so. At first, no one knew much about this virus that was killing people. After studying this virus, the scientists realized that a safe and effective vaccine, plus the wearing of masks, plus social distancing was the best way to fight this deadly disease. Unfortunately, from the beginning of the spread of this deadly disease, President Trump lied to the American people about this disease, would not wear a mask, made fun of candidate Joe Biden, even though he, himself, received state of the art medical treatment for CoVid and was vaccinated along with his family. I urge the policy makers to proceed with reasonable mandates: get vaccinated, wear masks, social distance so that we can put this virus in the rear view mirror. I remember as a child, my parents having me get the polio vaccine as that terrible virus was moving through the country. I remember seeing children in "iron lungs". There was never any notion of "freedom" because my parents and the country understood this was a health issue and not a "freedom" issue. My parents had common sense which is sadly lacking on the part of republicans who consume misinformation and ridiculous ideas like bleach, meds given to horses, and the proliferation of fake news coming from crazy people (who are vaccinated like Tucker and Laura). 6,000 dead Kansans because, like, you know, freedom.

Angela Schieferecke
Written only
I do not have pdf

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates 22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Daniel Schoepf <dan@prospectstopartners.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:17 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing to voice concerns related to the proposed bill numbers listed in the subject line.

1. Both bills are an infringement on the unalienable rights of individuals.
2. Individuals should never be forced or coerced or paid to adhere to mandates against their personal beliefs. And any of these beliefs may be based on religious, moral or ethical considerations.
3. Approval and adherence to these bills violates the civil liberties granted by the U. S. Constitution.
4. The Fourth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against UNREASONABLE searches and seizures, shall NOT BE VIOLATED....." You can easily access the rest of this amendment.
5. Please also see: The U.S. Supreme Court case of Washington v. Glucksberg for a judicial precedent against these proposed actions.
6. It is the right of U.S. citizens to make informed consent based medical decisions.

SUMMARY

These proposed mandates are an obvious violation of our civil rights.

Dan Schoepf

Written Testimony

22rs2357

becca cott

roponent of bill with recommendation to include retroactive to July 1, 2021 when mandates from employers began.

Written only testimony

November 9,2021

James Sharp
2200 E 98th North
Valley Center, KS 67147
316-619-7791

Bill Number 22RS2356

Bill Number 22RS2357

Opposition to Covid 19 Vaccination Mandate.

Written Only; I am unable to attend in person.

To The Kansas Special Committee on Government Overreach and Vaccine mandate.

I am against the Covid-19 vaccination mandate.

I currently work for Ascension Via Christi in Wichita, KS. I have worked here for 27 years. I enjoy my patients and working with my co-workers. We all strive to do our jobs to the best of our ability. That was all tested starting March of 2020. We never stopped working. I can say I only had to miss one day of seeing patients due to limiting our access to seeing clients not knowing how the virus worked at that time. But we came to work every day. We knew that there may be unforeseen dangers, but we did our job as we were asked to do. We were touted as heroes, but I did not see it that way. I saw it as just doing our jobs. Now, over a year later, I was told that despite dealing with covid positive patients and family and friends. I would be mandated to get a shot. A shot that I found out utilizes aborted fetal tissue in its development and or its testing for efficacy. My religious convictions do not allow me to take this shot. I informed my employer of this through the proper channels. My thought was that they would look at this on a case by case basis and treat me fairly and justly. I knew that under Title VII of the Civil Rights act I had certain freedoms and rights. But I got a letter that stated that my religious exemption had been denied due to the fact that it would pose "undue hardship to the organization". And that I had until 11/12/21 to get the shot or lose my job. All of my fellow co-workers who I knew had the same convictions also got the same statement.

At this time I am the only full time physical therapist in my setting. I also work with two other part time clinic therapists. When I am put on suspension and potentially lose my position on 11/12/21, that will leave an entire case load to be handled by these two therapists alone. A caseload which had increased in the past year by over 20% and the supervisor was having to increase one of the therapists to a full time position to handle the increased patient load. Now, what are they to do. Patients will have to be adjusted

on the schedule and the therapists will now be overloaded and potentially burn out. Patient care and quality of care will suffer as will staff morale.

Thus now I wait as they play with my family's welfare and future. I have started a new job search but I now run into the same issue. Businesses afraid to hire me or unwilling to grant a religious exemption due to Federal Government Mandates due to the president and his executive order. So they await OSHA standards to be written and OSHA takes its own sweet time in doing so. Thus I just wait. I have worked since I was 5 years old. I have always tried to glorify my Lord in everything I do so as to shine my light to others. I am blessed to be born in a country with such potential.

But it is sad when a man can work, wants to work, and is told you can not, because you must obey the State and not your Lord.

Thank you,
James Sharp

Damien Simkins

1590 SE 36th St
Newton, KS 67114
(316) 249-1477

10th November 2020

Dear KS Legislature

I am AGAINST vaccine mandates!

I'm a respected lead engineer and FAA Engineering Unit Member at Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita KS. How in the world can Joe Biden, with the stroke of a pen, get me potentially fired from my job and profession that I have spent my life achieving? I'm talking about Executive Order 14042 signed by Joe Biden on Sept 9. Now Spirit AeroSystems says they are being forced by the federal government to fire all unvaccinated employees by Dec 8th, or be denied federal contracts. I've done nothing but get up at 5am every weekday and work until closing for my entire professional life to serve my company and do everything they have asked me to do. I have made them millions of dollars with the products I have helped to engineer over my 12 years with Spirit. And then, in the blink of an eye, Joe Biden, can erase my career? Spirit is telling us unvaccinated engineers basically "every other aircraft company in Wichita is mandating this vaccine too, so good-luck finding another job in Wichita". How is this legal? If Spirit does not approve of my religious accommodation request within a few weeks, I'll be fired after 12 years of dedicated service and promotions and after 25 years in my profession. Is this blatantly unconstitutional Executive Order being challenged in court? Spirit is pouring on the pressure for everyone to be vaccinated (against our will), or they are threatening to fire us. Again, how is any of this legal. Frankly I'm somewhat scared that my career might go down in flames while everyone looks around wondering how freedom can be taken away so easily. We've got to stand up and fight now or the battle for freedom just gets more difficult. Sorry for rambling, but I've had enough.

Sincerely,

Damien Simkins

Honorable Chair and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of 22rs2357. In a time when Kansas businesses struggle to find people willing to work, we are issuing mandates that force those engaged in the workforce to choose between their convictions and employment. The least our state can do is to ensure these individuals are eligible for unemployment!

There are a number of reasons why someone may choose not to receive the SARS CoV2 shot including a religious objection to the use of aborted fetal cell lines in the development or testing of all of these agents. Forcing someone to choose between their faith and employment is bad enough, but to deny them the ability to collect unemployment while they seek another position is so wrong.

Clearly our government has no problem with delving out hefty unemployment benefits for extended periods of time. Many citizens ended up making more by staying home than working this past year. This has resulted in a crisis for so many businesses. The current standard to block unemployment for those refusing the shot seems to be more about applying pressure and coercion.

Please stand up for our citizens and support this bill. Much more needs to be done, but this is a good first step.

Most Respectfully,

Amy Siple

Bill #22rs2357
Brenda Smart

Proponent of Bill #22rs2357, written only testimony

To The 2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates:

While I support Bill #22rs2356, I believe it falls short of what Kansans fully deserve in protecting health freedom. Vaccine mandates must be banned. Vaccine mandates **MUST** be banned.

No one should be discriminated against simply for making the best, personally applicable choice for their health or for their family's health.

This is a good first step to helping people who have been discriminated against, fired, and persecuted for standing for their personal beliefs. However, **ALL** workers must be protected – medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. There are many who will not be protected by this bill.

We **NEED** to protect individual rights. The vaccination status (or any health status) of an employee should be protected and disclosed only if the individual chooses to disclose it to their employer or anyone else.

This bill should be made retroactive to July 1, 2021, so that the people who have already lost their jobs can be re-instated with full benefits, compensation, and damages.

Pass a bill that will protect my (and all Kansans) health freedom and my (and all Kansans) right to refuse emergency countermeasures. I want the right to refuse the covid shot!

I urge you to do what's right, not what's easy.

Brenda Smart

Evon Smith
320 NW Rolyan Rd. Topeka, KS. 66617
785-501-5458

In Person Testimony: 22 RS 2357

Dear Chairman Ericson and committee members,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak today, and additionally, thank you for your efforts to date regarding vaccine mandates and protecting the citizens of Kansas. I do support these efforts, however, the proposed bill, 22 RS 2357 fails dismally to fully protect all of the citizens of Kansas. Specifically, workers in the health care sector.

In fact, throughout the entire bill, the only mention of health care workers is on page 15, section (P) services performed in the employ of a hospital licensed, certified or approved by the secretary of health and environment, if such service is performed by a patient of the hospital. Are you aware of the variety of roles provided by a litany of health care workers on a daily basis? Health care workers provide services in doctors' offices, dental offices, insurance agencies, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, private homes, lawyers' offices, court rooms, medical supply companies, medical equipment providers, pharmacies, sales, schools, private duties, companionships, industrial agencies, first responders, labs and more. As of May, 2020, the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) *estimated* the number of Kansan health care workers to be 163,230 and only 169 hospitals. Clearly these workers are employed in various other health care settings.

Secondly, the bill further limits protection to those who work in hospitals AND is a patient of said hospital. Is this intended to provider even further parameters, restrictions, and punishments of health care workers by limiting them as to where they receive their health care as well?

Many employees have already lost their employment, and many others are soon to follow. Please amend the bill as follows:

1. Unemployment benefits for ALL workers in the state of Kansas who have or may lose their employment for refusal to comply with COVID-19 vaccine requirements by including language which encompasses health care workers in any capacity.

Thank you for your time.

Evon Smith

Bill 22rs2357

Kelly Smith <kellyg_smith@sbcglobal.net>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:37 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

November 10, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support of Bill 22rs2357. However, this bill needs to be edited and expanded to truly offer help to Kansans who may suffer unemployment and loss due to the current unconstitutional pressures being placed on Kansas employers. The private medical rights of Kansans and their sacred bodily autonomy should be protected by Kansas law, regardless of their type of employment or service, and should not be a factor in employment. Kansans should not be punished for making the medical choices they deem to be in their best interest.

Any employment protections or unemployment benefits written into law should be retroactive from July 1, so Kansans who've lost jobs can return to their positions with full benefits, compensation, and damages. Furthermore, the medical freedoms of Kansans must be protected, and Kansans must be allowed to work in order to provide for their families and get our state's economy back on track. Anything less will further damage our citizens and our great state. I urge you to stand strong against unconstitutional pressures our federal government is placing on our state. Your duty is to Kansas citizens, not the federal government. We are counting on you. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Kelly Smith
Newton, KS
(Written Testimony)

Bill No. 22rs2357

November 10, 2021

Chairman Erickson and Committee Members:

I support calling a special session and support bill no 22rs2357. Despite my support of the bill, I also am disappointed that it does not go far enough in ensuring our fundamental inalienable rights and liberties. I cautiously give my support, but also expect to see much more work done to preserve our rights and bodily autonomy in the coming session if it can't be taken care of urgently.

Becca Sowers
Colby, KS

22rs2357

Ann Spitz

Proponent

Written testimony only

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed bill.

The bill allows for persons to get unemployment for claims denied retroactively back to September 9, 2021.

There are many Kansans who were required to get the jab called "COVID-19 vaccine" to keep their jobs prior to this date, particularly those that work in the health care field. These unapproved jabs were required in spite of the fact that they were under an EUA and therefore should never have been required by any employer.

Therefore, all Kansans who left their jobs or were fired at any time in 2021 because of a job requirement by their employer should be eligible for unemployment compensation.

November 10, 2021

RE: 22rs2357

Opponent

Marilyn Spohn

Marquette KS

I want the right to refuse, period. I want all vaccine mandates BANNED.

This is forcing people to be dishonest and file for exemptions they possibly do not really qualify for. They would do this to keep a job that puts food on the table for their family.

THIS IS STILL AMERICA!!!

22rs2356 and 22rs2357:

Laura Stack <laura@creativespaces-kc.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:14 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please take immediate action to preserve our constitutional rights and privileges to provide bills that will protect our freedoms to make our own medical decisions and to keep those decisions private.
Laura Stack

--

Laura Stack - Creative Outdoor Spaces

Landscape Designer and Horticultural Consultant

laura@creativespaces-kc.com

www.creativespaces-kc.com

913-432-1577



Virus-free. www.avast.com



Friday, November 12, 2021

To: Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates
From: Mahira Stafford on behalf of the Kansas Cooperative Council
RE: **Written-only testimony in opposition to 22rs2357**, Eligibility under federal vaccine mandate

Madam Chair and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on 22rs2357.

The Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC) represents all cooperatively structured businesses in Kansas. More than 100 million people around the world belong to cooperatives, and at least 100 million people are employed by one. The KCC is a voluntary membership organization whose mission is to educate and promote the importance of cooperative principles that shape the cooperative business model.

To that end, our comments today hope to explain why our members are concerned with the legislation proposed in bill 22rs2357. Agricultural cooperatives employ hundreds of workers across Kansas, and many are in rural areas with little other economic activity. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a shortage of employees including skilled labor, and commercial truck drivers. These labor shortages have negatively impacted not just the Kansas economy, but the global food supply chain. In addition to deficiencies across the supply chain, the industry has experienced material shortages and increased transportation costs. All this disruption is exacerbated by the continued lack of employees.

Under the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) emergency temporary standard, employers will be required to terminate workers that decline receiving the COVID-19 vaccine or adhering to the testing requirement. Cooperative employees have expressed concerns regarding this mandate, with up to 30% of employees in larger cooperatives choosing to leave rather than comply with the mandate. As these workers begin to quit their jobs or are terminated, the shortage of workers in Kansas agriculture will become further exacerbated, causing additional delays and inflation costs to move ag commodities to market.

While we greatly appreciate the intent by the Legislature in responding to President Biden's harmful executive orders, our members have strong concerns about the proposals presented in this draft bill.

It's our understanding that under this legislation, terminated workers will be allowed to receive unemployment benefits for refusing to comply with their employer's vaccination or mask requirement. While our members are frustrated with the federal mandate, a state unemployment mandate will penalize cooperatives that are already concerned about labor shortages. If reserves are depleted, then organizations are going to be forced to pay higher unemployment insurance premiums, in addition to attempting to fill open positions in the industry.

These federal mandates are already being forced upon employers. Please don't add fuel to the fire by increasing their unemployment taxes.

Cooperatives were founded on principles of democratic member control, autonomy, and independence. We ask that the Legislature not pass any legislation that will have unintended consequences that ultimately take away employer control and business autonomy.

Bills 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

John Stauffer <John.Stauffer@audacy.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:57 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am against vaccine mandates and ask that these bills are brought to a vote and passed by the Kansas legislature. The constitution provides our rights to liberty and freedom. That includes deciding what drugs we put in our bodies. We are protected against forced mandates that require citizens of Kansas and the United States to ignore their own religious, ethical, or personal beliefs regarding any kind of drugs or treatments. Businesses should not be allowed to discriminate against employees based on their vaccination status. Please uphold and protect our unalienable rights.

John Stauffer
Olathe, KS.

covid shot mandates.

Darlene Stewart <us_dar@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 10:19 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am against covid shot mandates. I have antibodies for the covid. I have asthma but keep it under control. I have had blood clots in the past due a doctor putting me on birth control. As I have seen that there are reports that this covid shot can cause blood clots. I also do feel that taking a shot that has not been investigated enough or long enough to feel comfortable to take. We should be able to make our own medical decisions. I have to decide my other medical decisions. Such as not being able to afford my asthma inhalers and having to ration when I take them. Please stop the covid shot mandates.

Darlene Stewart



Kansas Grain & Feed Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association

November 12, 2021

To: 2021 Joint Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, KGFA, KARA, Renew Kansas
Re: **Written testimony in opposition to 22rs2357, amending Kansas employment security law**

Chairwoman Erickson and members of the committee, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue. This testimony is submitted jointly by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association.

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a trade association of over 700 agribusiness firms that supply fertilizers, crop protection products, seed, petroleum products, and agronomic services to Kansas farmers. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry. Broadly, members of our associations operate in the agribusiness industry sector.

Recently, President Biden issued multiple Executive Orders with the stated intent of increasing national COVID-19 vaccination rates. In response to the Executive Orders, the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) published an emergency temporary standard (ETS) and interim final rule that would create vaccine mandates for the employees of certain employers (while allowing for an impracticable weekly testing/masking alternative).

These vaccine mandates were released at a time when the Kansas labor market is incredibly tight, especially in the agricultural sector and rural parts of our state. In fact, our member companies consistently report being understaffed and their difficulties in finding and recruiting workers.

Unfortunately, the day after the President's announcement on the proposed vaccine mandates, members of our associations informed us they were already hearing from employees that were prepared to accept termination rather than receive the vaccine.

The movement of grain and agricultural inputs in our state is heavily reliant on the availability of commercial truck drivers. In our industry, and others, commercial transport has become increasingly challenging due to a critical shortage of commercial drivers. The Biden vaccine mandates will further decrease our available supply of commercial drivers, compounding this existing problem.



In our opinion, the OSHA ETS vaccine mandate is unnecessary, and unreasonable, and will compound our labor market issues. For this reason, our organizations will soon be filing formal comments to OSHA describing our numerous concerns with the ETS and asking that the ETS and interim final vaccine mandate rule be set aside for a less intrusive approach.

Turning to the proposed legislation (22rs2357), it is our understanding that the bill will amend Kansas employment security law to allow workers to receive state unemployment benefits if they lose their jobs for refusing to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. Specifically, the proposed changes would allow claimants to receive benefits upon being discharged for refusing to comply with their employer's COVID-19 vaccination requirement, and allow unemployed claimants to decline work that requires a COVID-19 vaccine.

As employers of thousands of Kansans, our members contribute greatly to the state unemployment insurance trust fund which pays weekly benefits to unemployed Kansans. For multiple reasons during the COVID-19 pandemic, this fund was greatly drawn down. Understandably, our members are wary of any proposed change to the fund which might further increase fund disbursements or threaten the fund's solvency.

While we appreciate the intent of this proposed legislation, the proposed changes would imprudently broaden the scope of unemployment program benefits. These expanded benefits are likely to strain the trust fund to a point of insolvency. At which point, all unemployed Kansans would suffer economic harm. In addition, the new burdens placed on the fund by this bill would likely lead to increases in unemployment taxes on Kansas employers.

The proposed legislation would threaten the solvency of our unemployment insurance trust fund and unreasonably burden employers. While we appreciate the legislative advocacy for businesses and workers in responding to the ill-conceived federal COVID-19 vaccination mandates, our associations are concerned with the unintended consequences this bill is likely to have and must stand in opposition.

For the reasons stated above, we would respectfully request that the committee not advance this bill. Thank you for allowing us provide testimony.

Kansas Special Session Testimony - Bill 22rs2356

Kristen Summers <kristenspsummers@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 2:27 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

My name is Kristen Summers and I am writing to express my disapproval of bill 22rs2356 and how it is currently written. As it stands today, this bill doesn't take into consideration the protection of my own personal autonomy and keeping my own medical information private.

The company I work for recently implemented a vaccine mandate in order to go into the office. They did this without formally telling anyone or giving us the option for an exemption of testing. I am currently 7 months pregnant and I should not be mandated to put something in my body that is completely experimental to me and my unborn child. This goes against our medical freedoms as Americans and our God given, inalienable rights as outlined in the Constitution. We need this bill to offer protection to anyone who chooses to not get the vaccine and these individuals should not be punished for their decision.

Thank you,
Kristen

November 10, 2021

To: The Kansas Special Government Overreach Committee

As a Kansas citizen, I would like to express my favor for Bill 22RS2357 allowing for anyone who has been terminated or forced to resign due to not taking the Covid-19 vaccine to be eligible for unemployment benefits. I have been a healthcare professional for the past 28 years working in hospitals. I know many professionals working in other hospitals who have resigned due to this Covid vaccine mandate. I, myself, will be joining the ranks of the unemployed if Kansas enacts this vaccine mandate. I will not be alone. Thousands of employees will be forced to become unemployed if the Covid-19 vaccine is required for them to remain in their employment. For those employees in Kansas who have already been forced to resign due to the Covid-19 vaccine requirement, they should receive unemployment benefits.

Please pass this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Katherine Taber

Special Session

Vanessa Taylor <vtaylor71@hotmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:20 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

I am a Lenexa, KS homeowner and I am against employer vaccine mandates and against taking away the livelihood of anyone who is denied exemptions. This is a doctor/patient issue not a government one. This vaccine has had so many injuries and it is experimental. There are therapeutics available that will treat COVID so this vaccine should not even be presented. It goes against the Nuremberg Code. We are a free country not a communist one. Please protect our God given freedoms. Any law that goes against God's word should not be followed. These vaccines were either developed using aborted fetal cells or contain them. Using an aborted baby for humanity is not acceptable. My body is a temple of God and changing my DNA would give me unclean genes just like in the day of Noah. Noah was the only one with clean genes and was saved. I have already had COVID and have natural immunity. Being forced to take this shot would lower my immunity. They are even considering this as an option.

Please vote for these bills. Governor Kelly has announced she is against them too so if she is speaking truth she should not veto these bills.

Thank you for protecting Kansans rights.

Vanessa Taylor
[14207 W 92nd Ter](#)

[Lenexa, KS 66215](#)

22rs2357writtentestimonyopponent

dottie shirely <dorothyshire@yahoo.de>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:26 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

While at face value I do support this bill, it falls WAY TOO SHORT of what is desired by the people of Kansas. Don't insult us with this poor attempt to pacify us and act like you're trying to do what we want. We DEMAND there be edits made to this bill so that it properly and completely protects Kansans from the unlawful and unconstitutional overreach of runaway government. Edit this bill to include:

- Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. PERIOD.
- ALL workers must be protected- medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. As written, so many WILL NOT be helped by this bill.
- The health status of an employee should be private, protected, and not be the business of an employer.
- This protection must be made retroactive from July 1, 2021, so those that lost their jobs can have back their jobs with full benefits, compensation, and damages.
- Pass a bill that protects Kansans health freedom and our Right to Refuse emergency countermeasures.
- Pass the RIGHT TO REFUSE.

Remember, as we do, that WE are your boss. Do as we have elected you to or we will find others who will. We know you know the constitution. We do too and will utilize it to protect our rights by removing those who won't and replacing them with those who will.

Anna Thoennes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Dear KS legislature special session members,

I am contacting you in regard to two bills below:

22RS2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22RS2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

I believe you are attempting to shore up the medical and religious exemptions and allow for unemployment if fired for refusal to be vaccinated, thank you for those efforts but please add the following as well. HOWEVER,

The bills do NOT take into consideration the protection of your personal autonomy, which is hugely important.

From what I understand they do NOT provide protection of your freedom to make your own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private.

Please add language to the bills to insure these are included.

Kansans have always had medical freedom in the past and now Biden Administration wants to remove the patient-doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become your decision maker of your health. This is unacceptable!

I do not believe our employer should not be fined for not mandating your health.

Thank you again for the efforts you've made to date and please add the additional measures I mentioned above. Please protect Kansas citizens and employers as well from the Biden administration's overreach and unconstitutional acts.

Thanks!

Shad Thompson

SUPPORT of 22RS2356 and 22 RS2357

Ali Towell <big_al33@hotmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:53 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Chairman Erickson and committee members,

First and foremost, I wish to publicly state I am in support of the proposals outlined in 22RS2356 AND 22RS2357.

Moving beyond that, I implore the committee to realize these proposals are a mere bandaid on the broken system that shows extreme contempt for individual freedom and personal responsibility for citizens of the United States of America, and more specifically Kansans.

I am somewhat cautious with my support of 22RS2357 because it seems with the passage of 22RS2357, this protection would be unnecessary. An employee should not be terminated because of their employer's refusal to recognize their medical or religious exemption. If they can't be terminated, there should be no need for unemployment assistance. I also don't think the retroactive date of September 9, 2021 is sufficient. I would like to see that date pushed back to the earliest COVID mandate (July 1, 2021) to provide protection to as many Kansans as possible. Regardless of these objections, I support 22RS2357.

With regards to 22RS2356, I also support this proposed legislation. I would also like to see the protections in this bill extended in two ways: First, I would like to see the medical exemption portion extended. Currently the only medical exemption accepted is one indicating a prior anaphylactic response. It's absurd to think that beyond that one exception any one medical recommendation applies uniformly across the board to all citizens regardless of their health status. I would like to see more freedom given to certified medical providers to issue medical exemptions based on their professional knowledge and assessment of each individual patient. Second, I would like to see protection offered to those medical providers. Our Board of Healing Arts has been politicized and weaponized against medical providers who dare have a different opinion, even when that opinion is backed by sound science and medical experience. Daring to be different is a value we encourage to 5 year olds in Kindergarten. Apparently that character trait is no longer admirable once you become a board certified physician. I support 22RS2356.

Beyond these two proposed pieces of legislation, I would like to take this opportunity to address some larger issues at play.

1. Please don't view my support of these two pieces of legislation as a pat on your back for a job well done. I am of the firm belief that you have dropped the ball on this. Waiting until the 11th hour while Kansans stare down the barrel of losing everything is cowardly and shows a gross lack of leadership. I will remember this come election time.
2. We need specific legislation prohibiting vaccine passports. We have seen these passports pop up in multiple states and it is only a matter of time before they become an issue within our own state. We must be proactive in banning them now. Any legislation banning them should not provide exemptions for long term care facilities or nursing homes. Follow Montana's lead here, specifically Montana HB 702.
3. Finally, you must do everything within your power to protect our children. This includes, but is not limited to, banning COVID vaccination requirements for school attendance or participation in any school sanctioned activity, recognizing and reinforcing parental rights in regards to all things COVID related, strict punishments for any school or medical personnel who attempts to vaccinate a child without expressly written parental consent.

Please do not settle for a subpar legislation in an attempt to stop the hemorrhaging of our personal liberty. We need bills with teeth that solidify our rights and show that Kansans aren't messing around when it comes to our freedom.

Appeal to Heaven!

Ali Towell
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Sent from my iPhone

22rs2356 and 22rs2357

Gail Tucker <gailcosnertucker@gmail.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 4:35 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I'm opposed to employer mandates and to punitive actions such as taking away unemployment benefits if you opt out of vaccine.

Thank you,
Gail Tucker

--

Gail Tucker, 913.707.2164

Bill 22RS2357

Wed 11/10/2021 4:57 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is John VanDeSteege and language is needed in bill 22RS2357. Our U.S Constitution gives us freedom of choice to make our own medical decisions. The government cannot remove our patient doctor relationship and allow the government via the private employers become the decision maker of my health. No employer should be fined for not mandating our health.

Please follow the U.S Constitution and our Bill of Rights!

Thank you!

Written Testimony as an Proponent of Bill 22rs2357

While at face value I do support this bill, it falls WAY TOO SHORT of what is desired by the people of Kansas. Don't insult us with this poor attempt to pacify us and act like you're trying to do what we want. We DEMAND there be edits made to this bill so that it properly and completely protects Kansans from the unlawful and unconstitutional overreach of runaway government. Edit this bill to include:

- Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. PERIOD.
- ALL workers must be protected- medical, nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. As written, so many WILL NOT be helped by this bill.
- The health status of an employee should be private, protected, and not be the business of an employer.
- This protection must be made retroactive from July 1, 2021, so those that lost their jobs can have back their jobs with full benefits, compensation, and damages.
- Pass a bill that protects Kansans health freedom and our Right to Refuse emergency countermeasures.
- Pass the RIGHT TO REFUSE.

Remember, as we do, that WE are your boss. Do as we have elected you to or we will find others who will. We know you know the constitution. We do too and will utilize it to protect our rights by removing those who won't and replacing them with those who will. May God guide you to do the right thing.

Nicole Vannicola

Affidavit

Patricia Vargas <olgpa1221@att.net>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:40 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

22rs2356: addresses employer vaccine mandates

22rs2357: addresses the unemployment issue if you have an exemption denied

Neither bill take into consideration the protection of my personal autonomy; neither of the bills provide protection of my freedom to make my own medical decision and the right to keep those decisions private. I ask legislation to add language into these bills.

Patricia Vargas

November 10, 2021

Dawn Varney, MD
Hutchinson, KS

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for proposed Kansas bill 22rs2357 amending the current unemployment compensation law to include people who have been fired or otherwise relieved from work for reasons related to COVID-19 vaccinations.

Please add provisions to make these changes RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2021, when people were first put at risk of losing their jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Varney, MD

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

RS#22rs2357
Kari Sue Vosburgh
Written Only Testimony

Chairwoman Erickson and Committee Members,

I am a proponent of proposed legislation 22rs2357. Rather than a retroactive date of September 9, 2021, I would request the date be changed to July 1, 2021, the date Kansas employers first implemented mandates.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Sue Vosburgh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kari Sue Vosburgh

Vaccine Mandates

Becky Ward <becgiven@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 1:08 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to share our experience and viewpoint. I understand that everyone has personal situations that make them think one way or another, but my hope in sharing my viewpoint is that my legislators will understand why mandating a vaccine is not a protection for all.

Both my husband and I were vaccinated in the hopes that we would be protected against Covid-19. I chose the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and my husband chose the Pfizer vaccine. I have not had any long-term side affects, but my husband had myocarditis symptoms. They were pronounced enough that he made an appointment with his physician to make sure he was ok.

We are concerned that he will have additional doses to keep his job. His job supports our family needs. We are also concerned that the school district our son attends will require him to be vaccinated to stay in school.

We have 2 friends with cancer and understand that being vaccinated protects our community.

We believe that we need to make a decision based on our personal risk-factors and not have that decision made for us.

Please be thoughtful in your decision making.

Becky Ward
12307 W 169th Ter
Overland Park, KS 66221

10/27/2021

To Chairman Erickson and Committee members:

I will be submitting my written testimony against government mandates for Covid-19 vaccines.

Ever since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been told WHAT to THINK about it, and WHAT to DO about it. We have not been trusted with the FACTS and allowed to consider for ourselves. This has been especially true in the arena of the healthcare industry in which I work for Ascension Via Christi, though only for a few more days. Since July, we have been harassed with e-mails up to 3 times a DAY urging us to get the shot. Some include so-called experts in white lab coat repeating the same tired mantra that the vaccine is "safe and effective", mostly because they are ALL assumed to be. No true evidence was given. No data. No references cited, unless perhaps to the CDC website which constantly spouts circular reasoning. We are just supposed to believe this person because they are a doctor and claim to have this higher knowledge.

Furthermore, when Ascension made the decision to require the covid-19 vaccination BEFORE FDA approval, they said that it was for concern over employee and patient safety, and their justification was that millions of doses have already been given. That was it. Not that millions were followed and it was found to be safe, not that long-term results were positive, just that the doses were given, and that was "good enough" for them. Well, it's not good enough for me.

I work in a relatively small department, of less than 15 colleagues. Since the shot has been administered, 2 have started having migraines, one has come down with a severe auto-immune disorder, another has had a chronic illness get so much worse she had to quit and find a remote job instead. In addition, I have had patients that have had strokes, heart arrhythmias, covid-19 itself and death shortly after receiving the shot. This is by my own observation. No one can prove or disprove whether this is from the injection, but I should have the choice whether to take that risk or not.

When the FDA did release their "approval", it was in a very confusing and perhaps even underhanded way, with changing the name to Comirnaty, or that the approved one was not widely available, which is misleading to the public either way. It is also highly suspicious that some of the higher-ups in the FDA left their roles soon after this so-called "approval."

When there was still resistance, Ascension changed tactics to Spiritual abuse and manipulation, quoting the Pope saying it is a "moral obligation" and an "act of love" to receive this injection, in direct opposition to a statement from The National Catholic Bioethics Center which states that "vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary." Still, the incessant e-mails continued, with bribery, guilt-tripping, emotional manipulation, and finally, threats to employment. Those who were not vaccinated were essentially shunned and pointed out because others were not required to wear masks, but we were, violating our privacy. We

were not approved to attend meetings in person. We were not allowed to do any business travel.

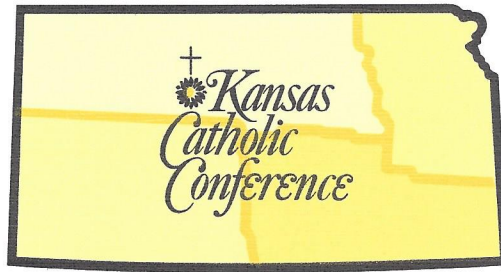
The organization would not sign the waiver I requested taking responsibility for wages lost, damages or disability were incurred related to the Covid-19 vaccine.

We were told that unless approved a medical or religious exemption, we would be “voluntarily resigning” if we did not receive both doses of vaccination by Nov 12, 2021. The exemption forms themselves were violating, and felt as if I was throwing myself under the bus. We were required to watch their video. Required to check a box that we agreed to “voluntary resignation” if not approved, with inability to make caveat or comment. We were required to check a box that we would abide by whatever “accommodations” were asked of us, without definition of WHAT those accommodations would be, again, without ability to make caveat or comment. Then, questions about church attendance and doctrines that the shot violated, and how you live this out in your daily life to prove that it is a “sincerely held” belief. We would then be required to submit these exemptions for approval yearly. These were supposedly reviewed by up to 3 committees. (The larger question is, who has the right to judge whether someone’s religious belief is “valid” or not? And if they can, does that mean we have State approved religions and unapproved religions? This is a dangerous precedent to losing religious freedoms.) Medical exemptions had to have written approval by a physician, however, of the four physicians I contacted, they said they were “not giving exemptions”, or they were “advised by legal not to approve exemptions”. In other words, there was no discussion about whether or not the doctor agreed with not taking the shot due to a specific condition or not, they just made it a policy not to sign off on them at all. Ascension had to know that. So really, no such thing as a medical exemption was available. I submitted my religious exemption request with a pastoral support letter only after previously submitting my resignation letter, because I did not feel comfortable with the request form, but wanted to know if it would be approved in the future if I wanted to return to working for Ascension. It was denied. What looked like an automated response form letter stated that both flu and covid vaccine exemption requests were denied due to the “nature of your role” and that accommodations would present an “undue hardship” to the company. This, even though my role is 99% virtual, with no face-to-face interaction with patients since prior to the pandemic. Even fully remote employees received this response. All the colleagues that I know of who submitted exemption requests received the exact same response. Managers received this response. I have been in contact with many nurses, and in many support groups and have not heard of one single request being approved. This essentially makes exemption requests an illusion of choice, when the only “choice” is job or unemployment. Oh, but wait, we already signed away our unemployment benefits because we “voluntarily resigned”. The rules in place only support the corporate companies, which want the image of safety, but does not ensure it. It is sickening that an industry that spouts ethics of “patient autonomy and right to choose” does not respect those same ethics in regards to their employees. Having been a nurse for over 12 years, I expected more of my employers and my medical colleagues. My last day with Ascension, and perhaps as a nurse, will be November 2nd. I am devastated to be potentially being forced out of my chosen career. However, I have long told my patients not to consent to any medicine or medical procedure that they did not want or were not comfortable

with. Now is the time for me to take my own advice and advocate for myself, but also for patients and my colleagues! There are now being requirements put forth for the patients, such as for kidney transplants at a health system in Colorado. I also grieve for my colleagues left to bear large and heavy assignments, which is not sustainable for staff, and is dangerous for both staff and patients. Who knows how long they will be able to tolerate that work load before they break? The current policies are creating a healthcare environment that is not safe for caregiver OR patient. The violation of our bodily autonomy will not stop until we say no. Our bodies do not belong to the state or our employer, but are gifts to us from God. They are ours alone in which to live out our beliefs and convictions. We must retain the human right to bodily autonomy, because if the government "grants" this freedom, that means they can take it away. Regardless of whether the vaccine is "safe and effective", it is totally unethical and unacceptable for any vaccines to be anything other than voluntary. What is currently being allowed by the government and acted out by corporations will have ramifications beyond what we can immediately see, but will long suffer from.

Thank you,

Cassandra Drummond, RN BSN



204 SW 8TH AVE • TOPEKA, KANSAS 66603 • PHONE 785-227-9247 • WWW.KANSASCATHOLIC.ORG

PROPONENT WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY for bill draft 22rs2357: AN ACT concerning employment security law; providing exceptions to benefit eligibility conditions and disqualification conditions based on refusal to comply with COVID-19 vaccine requirements; retroactive provision of benefits when denied on the basis of discharge for misconduct or voluntarily leaving employment without good cause for refusal to comply with COVID-19 vaccine requirements; amending K.S.A. 44-703, 44-705, 44-706 and 44-709 and repealing the existing sections.

To: Kansas Senator Renee Erickson and members of the Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates

From: Chuck Weber, Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference

November 10, 2021

Chairperson Erickson and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide PROPONENT testimony on bill draft 22rs2357. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Kansas, we offer our support for this bill.

Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, mentions that dignity of human work should be “freely chosen; respectful of the worker; without discrimination; enabling a family to meet their needs and the educational needs of their children; prohibiting child labor; allowing organization of workers (unions) and their voices to be heard; providing “enough room” for personal and spiritual development.” When any of these are lost, unemployment can often follow.

Unemployment, in the eyes of the Church, is seen as repulsive, since it strips away the human dignity and undermines family life. With this in mind, the Catholic Church recognizes the need and obligation for unemployment benefits. Benefits that are suitable for a basic support for an individual and his/her families. It is even considered a “duty springing from the fundamental principle of...the common use of goods”, according to Pope St. John Paul II.

Therefore, we are in favor of bill draft 22rs2357, which recognizes unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 vaccine mandates. As it is crucial for, they and their families to be supported, until new employment can be found.

CONTACT: Chuck Weber, Kansas catholic Conference

email: Chuck@KansasCatholic.org

MOST REVEREND JOHN B. BRUNGARDT, D.D.
DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. NAUMANN, D.D.
Board Chairman
ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

MOST REVEREND CARL A. KEMME, D.D.
DIOCESE OF WICHITA

MOST REVEREND GERALD L. VINCKE, S.T.L.
DIOCESE OF SALINA

CHUCK WEBER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kansas Special Committee on Government Overreach and Vaccine Mandate

Regarding Bill 22RS2357

eMail: kslegres@klrd.ks.gov

Tiffany Wehmeyer, DPT - Bill Proponent

Written Testimony

I am a Physical Therapist at Ascension Via Christi in Manhattan, KS. I have been a loyal employee with Ascension for over 7 years now. I worked through the pandemic when much about this virus and disease was still unknown. In order to help the patients we serve, I was willing to put my life & health at risk, initially without proper PPE, and with rules & regulations changing constantly for months. As a result, I did get COVID-19 during that time.

That was my choice to put myself at risk, and now I am simply asking for the same choice on whether or not I risk my health on the COVID-19 injection.

I now have naturally acquired immunity, which over 30 studies show is more robust and durable than that acquired by the vaccines¹, putting me at less risk to coworkers and patients of COVID infection and transmission than those who have had the vaccine only. It is for this reason many scientists, including epidemiologist Dr. Martin Kulldorf, previous Harvard Medical School professor and current Senior Scientific Advisor of Brownstone Institute, believes hospitals should be hiring medical professionals with naturally acquired immunity instead of firing them².

After being notified in early September by Ascension of the new COVID-19 vaccination requirement, and upcoming deadline, I submitted a medical exemption accommodation request along with a supporting letter from my Doctor. The only accommodations I requested were the very precautions and protocols we have followed throughout the entire pandemic: hand hygiene, masking, and wearing proper PPE. After considerable delay with no communications from corporate HR, it was finally denied. They did not provide an appeal process, but I submitted an appeal to their decision anyhow. It was ignored, as was a letter from my attorney.

For a faith-based healthcare system, you would think they would respect the sacred doctor-patient relationship, and the recommendations and advice I was following based on counsel with my physician; especially since my accommodations requested would impart no undue hardship on them, being the very protocols that have been acceptable, safe, and approved to work among patients and coworkers throughout the pandemic until now.

With no recourse, I am now facing a termination date of November 12, 2021, and am left feeling helpless, rejected, and not valued for the contributions made and risks taken over the last nearly two years of this pandemic, punished for the decision not to inject an experimental pharmaceutical into my body with unknown long-term risks and side effects.

The hospital I work at will be losing many committed and experienced employees just like me in the coming days, and I fear for the impact it will have on remaining employees through burnout, and the quality of patient care will suffer greatly, placing a tremendous burden on our community.

Additionally, with my husband in a similar position with his job, if we are both terminated soon, we will likely move out of state to a place more embracing of our freedoms, medical choices, and bodily rights. I can only imagine many more will do the same, providing yet another stress on the state of Kansas that already needs as many employees as it can get.

I urge you, as our representatives, to take action and stand for the rights of so many workers throughout the state just like me, whose rights of medical choice and personal bodily autonomy have been ignored. Please pass this legislation that will ensure citizens like me are provided the unemployment benefits we deserve, while searching for another job within our fields. Being terminated against our will after years of service and commitment, especially through the heart of the pandemic is enough of an insult...having unemployment denied would be unbearable for many.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Wehmeyer

References:

1. Natural Immunity and Covid-19: Thirty Scientific Studies to Share with Employers, Health Officials, and Politicians - Brownstone Institute:
<https://brownstone.org/articles/natural-immunity-and-covid-19-twenty-nine-scientific-studies-to-share-with-employers-health-officials-and-politicians/>
2. Hospitals Should Hire, Not Fire, Nurses with Natural Immunity - Brownstone Institute:
<https://brownstone.org/articles/hospitals-should-hire-not-fire-nurses-with-natural-immunity/>

I work as part of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan [ESOP] and was notified on November 4th, 2022 that due to our federal contractor status I have until January 4th, 2022 to receive and provide proof of my vaccination for COVID-19. There was no stated policy for those who do not comply but one can assume that their employment will be terminated if they do not comply. Due to this reality I have to start budgeting as if my employment will be terminated. This comes just before the holidays and I have two young children that will directly impacted by this. Please do everything in your ability to stop this grotesque government overreach into my medical and family life! I am an opponent of draft bill 22RS2357.

In God I trust,
Christy Wendler

22rs2357- Proponent- Written Only Testimony

Geri White <gedittowhite@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 3:31 PM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

- 22rs2357
- Geri White
- Proponent
- Testimony is written only

I support this bill. However, it is a sad day in America when people have lost their freedom to make personal medical choices. This vaccine mandate is unconstitutional, and no one should have the right to know what my choice is either way. HIPPA laws should have protected us. If someone is terminated for their choice of a "vaccine" that has not proven to keep you from getting the disease, and has no long term studies and unknown effects they should be compensated.

I stand for freedom!

Geri White

Bill #22rs2357

As a citizen of Johnson County, KS, I would like to submit my written testimony for this bill.
I demand edits BEFORE I will fully support this bill:

*This bill falls very short of what we need. It does not go far enough to protect the citizens of Kansas. Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. Period.

*I want ALL workers protected including Medical, Nursing Homes, Aviation, Federal Workers, etc. MANY are not protected by this bill.

*The health status of an employee should not be the business of an employer.

*I want this to be RETROACTIVE from July 1, 2021 so those that already lost jobs can have their jobs back with FULL BENEFITS, COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES.

*PLEASE pass a bill that protects our health freedom and our right to refuse emergency countermeasures.

*****WE WANT THE "RIGHT TO REFUSE".

Sincerely,
Kimberly Wilkinson

Medical Freedom

Kim Wright <kim5250@att.net>

Thu 11/11/2021 1:08 AM

To: KSLegRes <KSLegRes@KLRD.ks.gov>;

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Kim Wright

My position on the 2 bills : 22rs2356 and 22rs2357

NOBODY, including and especially the "Government" has the RIGHT to "MANDATE" any American Citizen take a "vaccine"! This experimental "vaccine" has a possible side effect of DEATH. If the "government" is forcing this, then "The Government" IS TRYING TO KILL US. No business or individual should be forced to choose between their job and their own health management. I am asking for the Kansas Legislature and Senate to STAND UP TO and STOP THIS !!

Re 22rs2357

From Allen Wulf
Independence, KS

Status Proponent

If we limit government by making illegal any mandate for experimental drugs, we would have less laws, less regulation, and less of a burden on employers and employees. And let's remember, the federal government only has the power given to it by the states.

I own and operate several small businesses in Kansas and will close or sell them if these proposed mandates are not removed.

Written Testimony Bill 22rs2357

While at face value I do support this bill, it falls WAY TO SHORT of what is desired by the people of Kansas. Don't insult us with this poor attempt to pacify us and act like you're trying to do what we want. We DEMAND there be edits made to this bill so it properly and completely protects Kansans from the unlawful and unconstitutional overreach of runaway government. Edit this bill to include: Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. PERIOD. ALL workers must be protected- medical nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. As written, so many WILL NOT be helped by this bill. The health status of an employee should be private, protected, and not be the business of an employer. This protection must be made retroactive from July 1, 2021, so those that lost their jobs can have back their jobs with full benefits, compensation, and damages. Pass a bill that protects Kansans health freedom and our Right to Refuse emergency countermeasures. Pass the RIGHT TO REFUSE. Remember, as we do, that WE are your boss. Do as we elected you to or we will find others who will. We know you know the constitution. We do too and will utilize it to protect our rights by removing those who won't and replacing them with those who will.

Gary Ziegler

Written Testimony Bill 22rs2357

While at face value I do support this bill, it falls WAY TO SHORT of what is desired by the people of Kansas. Don't insult us with this poor attempt to pacify us and act like you're trying to do what we want. We DEMAND there be edits made to this bill so it properly and completely protects Kansans from the unlawful and unconstitutional overreach of runaway government. Edit this bill to include: Vaccine mandates MUST BE BANNED. PERIOD. ALL workers must be protected- medical nursing home, aviation, federal workers, etc. As written, so many WILL NOT be helped by this bill. The health status of an employee should be private, protected, and not be the business of an employer. This protection must be made retroactive from July 1, 2021, so those that lost their jobs can have back their jobs with full benefits, compensation, and damages. Pass a bill that protects Kansans health freedom and our Right to Refuse emergency countermeasures. Pass the RIGHT TO REFUSE. Remember, as we do, that WE are your boss. Do as we elected you to or we will find others who will. We know you know the constitution. We do too and will utilize it to protect our rights by removing those who won't and replacing them with those who will.

Stephanie Ziegler