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Good afternoon members of the Health Committee; Kansas House of Representatives:

My husband and I have three sons, Philip 25, Kyle 23 and Adam 20. Since I love my sons, I wanted to protect them from harm, so they were fully vaccinated until the damage was done to our youngest son. He suffers from a vaccine injury. When I learned of my sons' vaccine injury, I contacted the Department of Health and Human Services and made a request for vaccine adverse events reports for the lot numbers of the vaccines my son received. Considering the FDA and CDC state that less than one percent of all reactions are reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), I was shocked when I received 274 pages of adverse events. What you must understand, according to the FDA and CDC, VAERS only captures 1 % of actual vaccine reactions.

According to his team of physicians, the vaccine assault on his body has manifested into a combination of mitochondrial dysfunction, endocrine dysfunction, pituitary dysfunction, hyperlipidemia, hyperinsulinemia, low mannose binding lectin, immune deficiency, hypogammaglobulinemia, enzymatic defect, strep infection of the blood, adrenal fatigue, hypothyroidism, metabolism disorder, severe chronic constipation, low growth hormone, anorexia, gastrointestinal inflammation, heavy metal encephalopathy, anorexia and developmental delays. Because his vaccines, Adam will never be a productive citizen; he needs 24/7 care. He will always be a financial burden to society.

Would you order the citizens of Kansas to give their children a product that may cause seizures, neurological disorders, cardiovascular, digestive, and endocrine system dysfunction and disease?

... Or would you rather allow the parents to assess the risk vs. the benefits of this product? What if this product had complete protection from any liability? If you are injured your out of luck. What if refusing this product kept parents from sending their children to school? The product is vaccines. Citizens of Kansas should have the right to weigh the benefits vs. the risk to decide whether or not to give their children vaccines; we need to pass a conscientious vaccine exemption.

Reading the package insert from Glaxosmithkline, Engerix-B, the reported adverse reaction will give you an idea of the risk of just one vaccine. Some of these reactions include: cardiac disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, anorexia, lymphatic system damage, altered immunocompetence, central nervous system reactions, neurological disorders, anaphylaxis, encephalitis, seizures, paralysis, muscle weakness, multiple sclerosis, Guillain Barre Syndrome, palsy, edema, musculoskeletal system disorders, arthritis, meningitis, herpes zoster, otitis media, tinnitus, conjunctivitis, abnormal liver function and death. Now remember, an infant gets 5 or 6 shots per visit, repeated every 2 months. All vaccines have a long list of adverse reactions. The safety testing for multiple vaccines given at the same time has never been done.

Parents are concerned about the ever increasing number of vaccines on the childhood schedule recommended by the CDC. These vaccines contain ingredients including ammonium sulfate, monosodium glutamate, formaldehyde, polysorbate, phenoxyethanol, aborted fetal and animal DNA cells, mercury (thimerosal) and

aluminum All of these ingredients pose a risk to the health of our children.

The manufacturer's own words on the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) for thimerosal say, "Pregnant women and children should not be exposed to this neurotoxin. The mercury component has caused nervous system effects in experimental animals including mild to severe mental retardation and motor coordination impairment." This product is still used in the manufacturing of most vaccines and chelated out. This was verified from a call to the United States Department of Health and Human services. When I asked if all the mercury was removed, they said we lose about 1/3 of the vaccine batch, but there is no way to know!

Do you want to mandate a product that includes these ingredients and not allow the parents to make a choice?

In 2001, the American Academy of Pediatrics stated, "Mercury in all of its forms is toxic to humans." So what are they doing to protect the children? They will stand here today and claim only a small percentage of children have mild reactions to vaccines; they are conflicted. A major portion of their income is derived from administration of vaccines and Pharma. It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his job depends on not understanding it.

I make no money promoting vaccine safety and actually had to quit my 14- year career in sales and marketing to take care of my sick child.

Parents and teachers are concerned by the increasing number of sick children and those beset by chronic illnesses and disabilities including: ADD, ADHD, diabetes, tourettes, bipolar, asthma, childhood cancer, juvenile arthritis, and others which have replaced childhood disease such as chicken pox, mumps and measles during the past decade. The increases in chronic illness put a heavy burden on parents, teachers, and the taxpayers who provide services for these children. These damaged children are not only costing the taxpayers millions in special education services, but many will not be able to hold jobs and will have to be taken care of for the rest of their lives putting even more of a burden on parents and society. Does this legislative body want to assume the risk of a child suffering an adverse reaction or possibly death? Or would you rather have the parents assume the responsibility for risk based on their individual circumstance.

Please allow parents to make the decision on their children's health and pass the conscientious exemption from vaccines.

Thank you for your consideration.