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Dear Education Committee Members,

We are writing regarding HB 2601 and the authority of KDHE to add mandatory vaccinations to the school schedule. Our own son had systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. His Pediatric Rheumatologist at KU Medical Center wrote him a medical vaccine exemption for the MMR, because she said there was a connection between MMR and Juvenile Arthritis. Through the Arthritis Foundation, we met a lot of other parents who said their child was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis right after their child received the 2-year MMR booster. We believe our son had an auto immune reaction to vaccines, and went on to have food allergies, recurrent ear infections, bronchitis, ADD, and asthma, contributed to by vaccines.

We also lost a pre-born grandchild directly after our daughter was forced to receive a mandatory flu shot for her job. Attached is a picture from his funeral. This was devastating to our family. There has been a 4,350% increase in the number of fetal deaths reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting Systems (VAERS) after the Flu shot was given to pregnant women. The flu vaccine is the number one pay out for vaccine injury through the Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund. The Flu vaccine package insert itself, and all vaccine package inserts, warn that "It is not known whether these vaccines can cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women or can affect reproduction capacity." Yet, the CDC, AAFP, AAP, ACNM, AMA, ANA and others urge pregnant women to get the Flu Vaccine. There is no liability to the manufacturer or doctor, and yet this is mandated for many people to keep their jobs.

There a link between vaccines and SIDS. Healthy babies do not just die. The US gives twice as many vaccines as most developed countries and also has one of the highest infant death rates in the developed world. The US has the most vaccines given in the first year of life: 35. The US is number 1 in first day death rates and leads the developed world in infant mortality. More than 23,000 healthy babies die every year in the US. Mississippi children receive the most vaccinations in the US and has the highest infant death rates.

We have another grandchild with health problems we believe are related to vaccinations, including a week in NICU, colic, eczema, anxiety, neurological damage, food allergy and chemical sensitivities. After vaccinating 3 children, their family quit vaccinating them and a 4th child, after much research. Their family was kicked out of the Pediatrics Associates in Topeka for not following the CDC vaccine schedule (up to 72 doses by age 18, and no safety studies have been done on this schedule.) They then had a child that needed to see a specialist and Pediatrics Associates refused to give them a referral after having been regular patients for 7 years. Blue Cross and Blue Shield pays Pediatricians bonuses for having a certain percentage of children vaccinated, and can lose their bonus if unvaccinated children lower their percentages. This is not putting children's health first above profit.

We are being asked to give up the human right to informed consent to medical risk taking in order to exercise our civil right to an education, medical care, and employment. Vaccine mandates remind us of the quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Any society that will give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

If you think the government has the right to forcibly vaccinate people for the good of society. What is to prevent them from forcibly sterilizing people, forcibly euthanizing people, or forcibly implanting a tracking device for the good of society? When you give the government power over bodily autonomy, where does it end? The welfare of humanity is always the alibi of tyrants. We ask you to protect our God given right to bodily autonomy to choose what is best for our family based on our knowledge and our conscience, and our life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness defined by the Constitution. When looking at a mandated Vaccine bill, the cost to our families and our society is incalculable.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about these issues affecting every Kansan. Our representatives are all that stands between citizens and the control and damage from big Pharma. We have a nation of children who are hanging in the balance.

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