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Chairman of the Education Committee

Regarding proposed Bill to Limit KDHE ability to add mandatory vaccinations to the current Children's schedule

Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

I'm prayerfully writing to you as a medical professional having practiced for many years. I was in a position at a hospital that mandated vaccinations on their employees. I find it unethical to force someone to have something injected into their body that they morally are opposed to. Vaccinations used to be optional at my hospital until Medicare and Medicaid made payment changes that required hospitals to have a high percentage rate of their employees vaccinated or they would not get paid by Medicare and Medicaid for patient care.

I watched coworkers get forcefully injected even if pregnant or allergic or lose their job. One of my co-workers was advised by her obstetrician not to get the flu vaccine because it had not been studied in pregnancy. She brought in her note from her doctor and was still forced to get the vaccine or be fired. This would have put great economic stress on her because she was the primary provider for her family.

She ended up getting vaccinated because she could not afford to be terminated. Her baby ended up being born preterm and was in the NICU for many months. Her child still has long term complications from the vaccination.

Another Co-worker was shown to be allergic because she had a vaccine reaction the previous year. She stated she did not want to be vaccinated and offered to wear a mask during flu season. They forced her to get vaccinated or be fired. They ended up having to admit her into the emergency department to give her medications to counter the allergic response. She also felt like she was backed into a corner financially.

My question .... When is enough enough??? There are many parents who feel forced to homeschool because they have a vaccine injured child or have researched the dangers of vaccinations. They are not safe and are not effective. I have read the studies. When are we going to quit being bought and paid for as a society? When are people's lives going to matter more than money? When are we going to have Freedom of Choice? Please support this bill as a small step in the process of regaining our medical freedom and our constitutional rights.

Thank you

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