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RE: In Support of SB 212

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

I am writing today to voice my support for SB212 and reigning in the power of the KDHE to add vaccines to the childhood vaccination schedule. I do not support unelected bureaucrats having the power to add vaccines on a whim. We saw what happened in 2019 when they suddenly added the Meningitis and Hepatitis A vaccines to the childhood schedule. They disregard the rules of procedure, and they faced zero ramifications for disregarding those procedures.

What was most upsetting about adding Meningitis and Hepatitis A, was that for each of these illnesses, there were four or less cases in the entire state of Kansas, for each of the previous four years. In a state of 2,900,000, that is hardly an epidemic worth forcing unnecessary vaccines upon school children. More upsetting, legislators and the public were unable to provide any input for approval.

Vaccines have side effects that are under-reported to VAERS. There are real side effects from vaccines, and on a cumulative basis, the ingredients build up in the body and can cause many types of reactions over the course of time. My son had one vaccine at a time. He received his first vaccine at six months old, Polio. He became extremely lethargic, screamed uncontrollably and started to have extreme diarrhea. This lasted for a week and when it started we looked up the side effects and called the doctor, all to be told it was normal. Years later we found another doctor who said his screaming was from encephalitis caused from a reaction to the vaccine. How is it that self educated doctors know exactly what the cause of my sons symptoms were from, but doctors who trust our government agencies, like the CDC and FDA, deny the vaccines any wrong doing and tell the parent it's normal. Vaccines should not cause harm, yet they do on many different levels and that harm is ignored to further protect the pharmaceutical companies and the government agencies that push these products on our kids.

It is common knowledge that the current KDHE works closely with the Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC). The IKC is affiliated with and receives funding from all major vaccine manufacturers: GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Sanofi Pasteur, and more, this is a clear conflict of interest, putting profit over people. To what extent is money from these pharmaceutical companies, companies that have been convicted of fraud for lying about the safety of their products, influencing the KDHE's vaccine recommendations? Is the KDHE, and its close ally, IKC, looking out for the best interests of Kansans or the pharmaceutical industry?

With more than 200 vaccines in the pipeline, SB212 will prohibit Dr. Lee Norman and the KDHE from adding vaccines to the childhood schedule without legislative oversight. Let's allow parents to make their own medical choices between themselves and their physicians without bureaucratic coercion.

Sincerely,

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