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Dear Education Committee Members,

Please consider supporting representative Heubert's bill, HB 2601.

When my niece was born, we vaccinated her until she was one. At her one-year appointment, she was given her recommended shots including the MMR and within hours broke out in a red rash all over her body (head to toe). When we took her to the emergency room, they diagnosed her with measles. After hours at the emergency room, the doctors concluded her case of the measles was in fact directly related to receiving the MMR combined shot she received earlier that day. She now has a medical exemption from receiving anymore boosters for the MMR. They did not ask about previous medical family history before giving these vaccines and our family has a history of autoimmune diseases. If vaccines are so safe, why does my niece need a medical exemption from receiving further vaccines?

I also believe the right to public education. Considering my family's history of autoimmune disease, we should have the right to make a choice to our family considering further vaccinations. We enjoy living in Kansas because of the health freedom it provides. Taking these freedoms away is a direct violation of our constitutional rights. If these rights are removed, we will consider moving out of the state.

Our family appreciates your consideration and the time you've taken to read this letter.

Thank you,

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