

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

I am a life long Kansan. I love this state and so many of the the things it stands for. But I have concerns about the future, which is why I'm writing to you.

As a Kansan, and as an American, I am against vaccine mandates. This is a growing issue around the world. I hope you have a chance to research into it and learn more.

Many vaccines go against my religious convictions, due to the use of aborted fetal cell lines. Freedom of religion is a key to the American dream. It is part of what we were founded on. I cannot, in good conscience, vaccinate, for that and other reasons.

No vaccine has been placebo tested, which is another concern, and all manufacturers are exempt from liability. Where there is risk, there must be choice. More research needs to be done into the long term effects of vaccines. My generation (iGen/Gen Z, 1996-2012) is the sickest generation. But it's only getting worse. Now, 1 in 13 kids has a life threatening food allergy. Pediatric cancer around the world is diagnosed at about 250,000 a year.

I am no opponent of government. My father is a government teacher in the Olathe School District and gave me a strong appetite for government. I am, however, no fan of overreach. That is why I encourage you to support Representative Huebert's bill, HB2601. I do not believe that an agency like KDHE should be allowed to mandate vaccines for schools (or anywhere else, for that matter).

Health is a very personal thing and I hope you treasure yours. I will not sit ideally by and let my and my children's health be mandated away.

Truly,  
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