

Re: HB 2601

February 10, 2020

Dear Chairman Huebert,

I am writing in support of the amendment to the statute which would limit the power of the KDHE to continue to add more vaccine mandates to the vaccine schedule. As a mother of three children and a mental health care professional, I am very concerned with the health, mental health, and the wellbeing of Kansas children. I am saddened to hear repeatedly that the US has the worse health outcomes of any industrialized nation, while spending the most on healthcare. Based on my research and experience, as the vaccine mandates have increased the health of our children has declined.

My children are all vaccine injured to varying extents with my middle child being the most severely injured. My middle daughter's suffering starting from day one of life after she was administered the Hep B injection. Prior to this injection she was proclaimed to be a perfectly healthy baby girl. The injection of the Hep B resulted in hospitalization the same evening she was discharged. At this time the ER doctor told us that she most likely would not live. Every further vaccination lead to more ER visits, learning disabilities, food allergies, and chronic health problems such as ear infections, strep throats, and migraines. When my daughter was young it did not occur to me to challenge my doctor's recommendations or my daycare's requirements. I remember the constant dread of every vaccination where she would experience a rapid spike in illness, high fevers, ER visits, and inpatient hospitalizations. I would express my concern to the daycare providers, doctors, and nurses only to get the same response that it was normal and necessary. It broke my heart to bring in a healthy baby to a well-baby checkup only to take one an extremely ill child from those appointments. Never once was I shown an actual vaccine insert nor was I told the risks of the vaccines. I was only told it was a mandate thus my daughter had to have it to continue to be in daycare. When there is risk of disability and death, there must be choice. All healthcare procedures come with risk and benefits, informed consent to the risks and benefits is a cornerstone of health care. Vaccinations should be no different.

My youngest only received the Vitamin K injection which triggered food allergies and liver problems in what was determined a healthy infant prior to the injections. Out of all my children, my youngest is the healthiest and the child who received the fewest vaccinations with the Vitamin K being his only one. My experience personally is the same as my experience professionally. The higher the amount of vaccine mandates the worse the outcome appears to be for the child. Vaccines are not a one size fits all.

Thank you!

Jackie Psota

Emporia, Kansas