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Dear Education Committee Members,

Please support Representative Heubert's bill, HB 2601.

Unfortunately, both myself and my children have experienced discrimination from both doctors, nurses and school employees in regard to our religious beliefs regarding vaccinations. My children have been refused care by their physician, mocked by both doctors and nurses and have been recently discriminated against in our small community by a school employee. She shared my children's medical status, regarding them being vaccination free due to our religion, to other parents without my permission. Indicating that mother's should keep their children away from my completely healthy children and not allow them to play together or risk catching diseases that my children do not have. It is a very sad state of affairs that we cannot simply practice and hold true to our religious convictions without facing ridicule and discrimination in this country.

I am worried that KS is headed in the same direction as CA and NY with government overreach and discrimination. Please listen to the voices of concerned parents who only want what is best for their children. It would be a shame for us to lose our freedom of choice and lose the ability to practice our religious freedoms in America. If KS takes away my right to choose, I will have no choice but to follow the same decisions made by hundreds of other parents in CA and NY and move out of state.

Thank you for your time,

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