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Dear Education Committee Members,

Please support Representative Huebert's HB 2601 (related to school immunizations).

My husband and I were honest about our vaccine exemptions when looking for childcare for my youngest. We found a place that said they would take our exemption and had no issue with it. However, a month after my child started daycare, we were asked to find care elsewhere. The reason was that the provider talked to the Johnson County Health Department and they advised her that she not care for our child.

I am worried Kansas is heading in the direction of California and New York with government having more say in my child's medical files than myself as a parent. Parents in California and New York have no other choice besides moving out of the state. If Kansas heads in that direction, I will also have no other choice but to move out of state too.

Thank you,

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