

February 9, 2023

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Re: Senate Bill 6

Dear Madame Chairman and Committee Members:

I am pleased that a hearing has been scheduled for Senate Bill 6. The passing of this bill is necessary to restore our individual health freedoms and insure that unconstitutional, COVID response measures are never repeated.

During the COVID pandemic, our public health officers forced our frail, elderly loved ones and their families, to endure unbearable isolation. The elderly were quarantined to their tiny, assisted living units and denied access to their loved ones. Although my mother was homed in a different state, my friend's mother in Kansas experienced the same isolating policies. My family and I were not allowed to visit our ninety-one year old, vibrant, happy, mobile mother, living in a memory care unit, for five, long months. During said time, the non quarantined caretakers brought in COVID on a daily basis. Alone, my mother experienced the wrath of COVID. During these five long months, she was totally isolated. Like most memory care patients, she was not capable of using a telephone. Mother survived COVID but my happy, mobile mother became bewildered and could no longer walk, brush her teeth or toilet herself. Before the mandated isolation, these tasks had been reinforced daily by her loving daughter. COVID did not end my mother's life, however, the cruel, inhumane, isolating policies took her from me and my family.

There must be no more forced isolations and quarantines by the Secretary of Health or local health officers. Their role must be limited to education and recommendations only. Please pass Senate Bill 6.

Sincerely,

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