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To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare for **SB210**, Health information technology act

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Chairwoman Pilcher-Cook and Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate our **OPPOSITION** to SB210 and in support of testimony offered by Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County Commissioner that accurately and effectively articulates the problems with SB210; problems that should concern every Kansan. I will not rehash the points Commissioner Ranzau has already stressed but would ask that the committee to be especially mindful of the concerted effort underway to undermine individual liberty through centralized control, regulation and massive data collection from every conceivable source.

On one extremely important point, citizen should never be required to OPT OUT of threatening or intrusive requirements but should if anything be required to OPT IN for the authorized collection of private/personal data.

Having traveled extensively as a member of the armed forces over a twenty six period and worked another 20 plus years away from home on construction projects and as a long haul trucker I am acutely aware of the need to have ones medical information available in the event of an emergency. While I carried hard copies of records for many of those years, the advancements in technology today make it easy for the individual to carry any and all necessary information on a small thumb drive that can be made readily available to any professional on a need to know basis. The same information drives can be carried by our loved ones or others we trust to handle our affairs or respond for us should the need arise.

Data mining and collection of our most sensitive information by Government agencies, private parties or through public/private partnerships offers unwarranted and inexcusable opportunities for abuse without our consent or knowledge and for purposes that we would disapprove which pose a direct threat not only to our liberty and physical wellbeing but to that of our family as well.

While this committee is perhaps narrowly focused on matters related to health, I would encourage each of you to understand that data mining is occurring across the scope of our lives from the benign to most intimate sources that we would protect with our lives. As an example, The State's Common Core Standards Initiative for K-12 education **requires some 400 points of data collection on our children** that reach into the most sensitive aspects of their lives and will continue to track them from kindergarten through adulthood. These breaches must be stopped whenever and wherever they are encountered.

As an elected official, each of you took an Oath of Office to defend the Constitution of The United States and the State of Kansas. It is essential that you square your constitutional responsibilities with defending the inalienable rights of those you were elected to represent.

Please stand for you constituents and **OPPOSE** the passage of SB210.