

February 11, 2020

Dear Representative Huebert,

I am very happy to learn that you have introduced House Bill 2601 to the Education Committee after hearing from parents who are concerned about further mandatory vaccinations by the KDHE. I am a special education teacher of over twenty years. I have a Masters degree from Kansas University and live with my husband, fifteen-year old son and thirteen-year old daughter in Manhattan, KS.

My son, Caeden, was born in April of 2004. In 2006 we started noticing he was speaking less and less and by the age of three he had lost all words, eye contact and joint attention. He was diagnosed with Autism. At the age of six he started having seizures and was given the diagnosis of Epilepsy. We began working with doctors in 2007 and over time have learned that his body does not detoxify. He now eats only organic and nongenetically modified food and we are using the Ketogenic diet to limit his seizures.

I am writing to you today because I am fearful that additional vaccinations would put his health at great risk. I do not consider vaccines bad for everyone but want to be able to make the best decisions based on years of medical intervention for my own child.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I sincerely appreciate your desire to let parents make medical decisions for their children. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Barb Kephart  
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