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Re: HB 2601  
Representative Steve Huebert  
Chairman of the Education Committee

My name is Debra Mize. I reside in Louisburg and I am Vice-President of Kansans for Health Freedom. I am also the organization's registered lobbyist.

In 2017, the Secretary of Health and Environment, after doing her research, found that the Meningococcal vaccine was unnecessary for Kansas school children. Her research showed that the risk of disease outbreak did not outweigh the risks of this vaccine. However, in an effort to go around the Secretary, vaccine proponents introduced a bill to mandate the vaccine. This bill was defeated. Then, in 2019, with no other change other than a new administration, this vaccine, along with an additional vaccine, Hepatitis A, was mandated. The new Secretary provided no new medical evidence to support the mandates.

Before a new vaccine is warranted, there needs to be a study that confirms a threat to our safety. As we all recall, the media reports in 2019 would lead one to believe that there was a Measles epidemic of this virus. In a country of 330 million let's put the numbers in perspective.

From the CDC's website the facts for all of 2019 are as follows:

1. Number of reported cases	1282
2. Number of these in cases in New York	936
3. Number of states reporting no measles cases, including Kansas	19
4. Number of hospitalizations	128
5. Number of deaths	0

It is interesting, to note that a number of these reported incidents were from individuals who had received vaccines.

Does this sound like a medical emergency or "epidemic" to you? Why there was such an over dramatization by the media and the medical community? Could this possibly be linked to industry profits?

Incidentally, for the month of January, 2020, the CDC reported only 5 cases of the measles.

For the safety of our children, I ask you to please support HB 2601 and limit the Secretary of Health and Environment from making additional vaccine mandates without a proven need. Thank you for this consideration of this bill.

Respectfully,  
Debra Mize