

February 7, 2020

Chairman Steve Huebert  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St., Room 286-N  
Topeka KS 66612

Re: HB 2601

Dear Chairman Huebert and Representative Members of the Education Committee:

I am contacting you to share my story about a disease I have that I believe was preventable. As a child of the 1950s, I received five vaccinations, of which I had reactions from all of them. In 1979, my first husband was in the Army and he received Orders to serve in Germany. I accompanied him as a military dependent, and in order to do so I was required to receive vaccinations for Typhoid, Polio and Tetanus/Diphtheria. Prior to those vaccinations, I was a healthy woman, rarely even having a cold. Following the 1979 round of vaccinations, I started having issues with ear and sinus infections, problem with my bowels, depression, balance instability and in 1982 my right leg started dragging. I woke up one Saturday morning with difficulty walking and a friend suggested I seek chiropractic care. Despite seeing medical doctors and chiropractors, my symptoms continued. Fast forward 38 years, I lost the sight in my left eye, had to use a cane or walker to get around, and ended up in Denver seeking answers. I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Doctors suggested I take shots in my stomach that cost more than \$5,000 per month. Instead, I sought out a naturopath and I take a medication that costs \$86 per month. Through the grace of God and fervent prayers of family, friends and my church family, I have regained 90 percent (90%) of my sight. And while my balance is still off a bit and right leg drags a bit, I no longer walk with assistance. I have had genetic testing done and have vaccine injury. Sadly, the gene damage has most likely passed to my children and grandchildren.

I'm telling you all this because I've watched other states (NJ, SD, AZ, CA, NY and ME) follow suit with other countries moving toward mandated healthcare. Having lived in Germany and toured Auschwitz concentration camp, I know what Hitler did to the Jews. I do not want to lose my healthcare or religious freedom. I also do not want mandates to trickle down to the parents of my school-aged grandchildren.

I support HB 2601 so that we may better fight the trend for mandated healthcare.

Respectfully,  
Jan Ackerman  
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# VACCINE DOSES for U.S. CHILDREN

1962

1983

2018

TOTAL DOSES: 5

TOTAL DOSES: 24

TOTAL DOSES: 68

