

February 10, 2020

Representative Steve Huebert
Chairman of the Education Committee

Re: HB 2601

As a Kansan, I'm contacting you to let you know that I support HB 2601 and I strongly urge you to as well. I am an advocate for medical freedom, informed consent, and bodily autonomy. HB 2601 will place the power to add vaccines to the mandated childhood vaccine schedule back in the hands of our elected representatives, where it should be. An organization, like the KDHE, should never have the power to mandate such things when they are not elected officials that represent the people. The KDHE violated procedures last year when they mandated both the Meningococcal and Hepatitis A vaccine AFTER a bill was introduced in the legislature and defeated. This is an overreach on their part and this needs to be prevented in the future. KDHE's ties to pharma are a direct conflict of interest and a cause for concern. KDHE also has ties to a non-profit, Immunize Kansas Coalition (IKC) and they too have affiliations with pharma. My stance has always been that **where there is risk, there MUST be choice**. Mandating vaccines with known risks and poor or non-existent safety studies is a direct violation of our inalienable rights and our liberties. Vaccines are NOT a one size fits all solution. We are all individuals with different backgrounds, different genes and different bodies that process things differently. Some people are genetically incapable of getting vaccines because it will cause them great harm or even death, but there are no tests done to see if it will be safe for them before the vaccine is administered. This is so wrong and proves these are not done with our best interest at heart. There are so many cases of vaccine injury but very few are documented because the medical community rarely says the vaccine is to blame. The vaccine manufacturers also have zero liability for their product causing injury which makes no sense. It's very challenging to trust something that causes so many harm with no real repercussions to the manufacturer of the vaccine. If they were held accountable, I feel they would put more effort into making them as safe as possible. Many things need to change with this issue but the first is to keep the responsibility of mandated vaccines where it should be.....in the legislature.

Thank you for considering this matter and I strongly urge you to protect the children of Kansas by putting the power to mandate vaccines back in the hands of the people of Kansas through our elected officials. I will be watching this bill closely and educating as many people as I can about protecting our freedoms. My future votes will be for those that support this bill, and any like it, that protect our freedoms.

Respectfully,
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