

In Support of SB 212

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Chairman Hilderbrand and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

I wish to share my support of SB 212. I find it unreasonable that any one, or even handful, of unelected officials should be able to decide what is required for medical treatment of my children in order to participate in life. This is especially as we know that medical professionals differ on their medical opinion. It is not uncommon for a patient to seek a second, or even multiple, medical opinions and find different answers as they seek options for an individual.

No medical treatment is one-size-fits-all. Not everyone responds the same way to over-the-counter pain relief medication. Just as it would be unthinkable to require every child to take Tylenol daily in hope of preventing a fever while at school, I can't understand why a government entity is given the authority to mandate each child to be injected with known toxins, no matter how "small" that amount may seem, in order to attend school.

It is known that vaccines can and do cause injury and it is known that doctors, nurses or even the manufactures bear no liability if a child is injured or killed by a vaccine. The financial burden and heartache is left solely upon the family. We MUST be able, as parents, to have a say what continues to go on the already bloated schedule of vaccines for Kansas children to be able to attend school. This is why I support SB 212 in bringing the voice back to the people through their representatives and no longer being at the mercy of just one, or a few, medical professionals.

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 212.

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