

March 17, 2021

Re: SB 212

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

My name is Courtney Lee and I am a Medical Laboratory Scientist at one of the major hospitals in Wichita Kansas and I am writing **in support of SB 212**. As of now, the KDHE Health Secretary is able to add any vaccine to the Kansas school immunization schedule without any vote or legislative review. Our children deserve more when it comes to decisions regarding their health and not to leave it in the hands of one biased, non-elected official. Parental decisions regarding the health of their children should be between the parents and doctors and not decided by the KDHE health secretary. The KDHE has already overstepped its power in my opinion and if left unchecked, will continue to have a devastating effect on the health of Kansas children. The decision to add vaccines to the school immunization schedule should be put back into the hands of our elected officials and given a fair review. This is exactly what this bill will do so, I urge you to please support SB 212.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lee

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Senate District 31