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In support of SB 212

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

I am an occupational therapist, employee of a home health agency in Kansas City, and I am a mother of a vaccine-injured child. I am in support of SB 212.

No medical treatment is one size fits all. Careful consideration between a patient and their chosen health practitioner should be taken when deciding upon appropriate medical interventions. I do not believe KDHE's secretary of health should be making sole decisions for adding vaccines to the recommended schedule for children without any checks or balances.

My oldest child had a severe vaccine injury at 18 months of age. Suddenly, my healthy child was constantly screaming and crying, was aggressive, anti-social, displayed severe sensory sensitivities, OCD behaviors, and most importantly was not able to have a typical, happy childhood or enjoy life. How heartbreaking and traumatic this was! I was just a mom following the recommended schedule. No one was ever held accountable for his health injury, nor did anyone help pay for the tens of thousands of dollars it took to recover his health, happiness, or ability to participate in life again. Medical decisions need to be returned to the citizens, their personal health professionals, and our chosen representatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 212.

Sincerely,

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