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In support of SB 212

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

As a registered nurse in the state of Kansas and the parent of a vaccine-injured child, I write to you to request consideration of the following statements regarding childhood vaccines when deciding how to vote on SB 212.

The decision to add vaccines to the schedule should not be up to one individual (Secretary of Health). That person may (or may not) have the best of intentions, but how do we know if he/she has done enough independent research (from neutral sources—not the manufacturer’s data or any government agency’s data or recommendations) to make an informed decision about what is considered safe and necessary for all infants and children in Kansas?

There are already around 70 immunizations a child will receive between birth and 18 years of age, and these vaccines contain ingredients that are known to be neurotoxic. We cannot create the potential for one person to have the power to decide if anymore should be required, especially because there have never been any safety studies done on the cumulative and synergistic effects of all of these vaccines. In fact, safety studies for each individual vaccine are severely lacking.

Vaccines are considered “biologics” so therefore are not required to undergo the same stringent safety studies that other medications are required to. The developers do not do double-blind placebo studies and the placebos they use are often other vaccines (yielding skewed results). They also do not study them over a considerable amount of time to determine long-term health outcomes.

Pharmaceutical companies are exempt from liability for vaccines and cannot be sued if someone is injured or dies as a result of that company’s vaccine. Taking all liability away from the developers/manufacturers clears the way for them to make profit their top priority—not safety. All of the medical expenses, time spent trying to heal the child, and other factors that ensue as a result of injury (or death) from vaccines falls on parents.

Medical decisions, including whether or not to vaccinate, should only be made between the child’s medical provider and parents/guardian and only after having a proper informed consent conversation regarding the risk and benefits of that procedure, medication or immunization. Parents should then have the right to decide not to proceed if they feel the benefits do not outweigh the risks—and they should not be penalized for that decision in ways like having no access for their child to attend public education.

Government should have no control over what is injected into our bodies, especially if there are risks involved. There is not one medical procedure or medication that is considered 100% safe for everyone, so why are vaccinations an exception to this?

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns regarding SB 212.

Sincerely,
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“When there is a risk, there must always be a choice.” - Jamel Holley