

March 17, 2021

Dear Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee Members,

I am writing you today in support of SB 212. My name is Mindi L Getz, Hoxie, Kansas (Sheridan County: House District 118, Senate District 40). I grew up in Hoxie and have returned about 5 years ago.

My daughter was born prematurely 5 years ago. I was flown to Wesley Hospital from Hays on March 10, 2015. Because I was so ill from pregnancy, I had been out of work for months and was therefore on state medical care for pregnant women & children. (Getting that state aid was a disaster that required the assistance of Mr. Moran.)

Besides her early arrival, my daughter was a healthy child. She was healthy and growing until I followed the pressure of the NICU pediatricians and allowed them to give her a high protein formula. Her health spiraled and I continue to work with multiple practitioners to help heal her from that injury.

After we left the NICU, we continued to receive pressure to vaccinate and give allopathics. The prescription medicines did nothing to reduce her pain or improve her symptoms. The one vaccine that I gave in and allowed them to give her sent her into pain, gave her a fever, and I cannot say what else. (I do know that metal toxicity can exacerbate problems that she was already having—but I can't say to what degree the vaccine worsened those problems since she was too young to speak.)

I value the right to choose how to treat my child medically. I value my right to decline services that don't offer an improvement of the quality of her life—or mine. I have many drug allergies and sensitivities. Both of us have egg allergies—a complication for receiving vaccinations. I know what is right or good for some is harmful for me, and for my daughter. We need the right to speak up for our own lives and health. Allowing the KDHE to single-handedly manage these schedules feels foolish and reckless to me.

Sincerely,

Mindi L. Getz  
Mama to Eden Getz  
CEO of both of our bodies