

March 18, 2021

RE: SB212

Dear Legislators/Committee Members,

My husband and I are registered voters in Sedgwick County, KS. We have five children who are respectively 21, 18, 16, 14, and 11 years of age. They are all currently up to date regarding their immunization schedules. I was not aware of the controversy surrounding vaccinations, their contents and origins, until about 5 years ago. Had I been aware and could make a better informed decision, we would have opted our children out of some of the vaccinations. It is extremely crucial for parents to be allowed to discern themselves what is best for their children. Injecting foreign substances, sometimes harmful substances, into a child's body almost 72 times before they turn 18, is not in our opinion what is best for our children or any child. I try to inform, as well as I can, as many family members and friends as I can about this issue.

Our oldest daughter, who is 21 years old, has auto immune issues believed to be the result of a vaccination. Two of our other children, a daughter (16) and a son (14), have had chronic health issues that we believe to also be attributable to vaccinations. Not only do we now believe that a majority of vaccinations are not necessary, but we believe some vaccines are harmful to the health of persons. Also, the origins of some of the vaccinations are greatly concerning to us as Catholic Christians. It is imperative that basic human rights be maintained and parents are allowed to discern, based on their research and informed conscience, which vaccinations would benefit their own children and would not be harmful to them.

We are very concerned that pressure from powerful pharmaceutical companies will drive the KDHE's Secretary of Health to add the flu, HPV, and COVID-19 vaccines to the required schedules for Kansas children. My husband and I have received the flu vaccine in the past and it made us both ill. It is a well known fact that the flu vaccines cannot and do not immunize against every flu strain inclusively. We have rarely had the flu and, when we did contract it, we managed to recover nicely. The HPV vaccine has not gone unscathed with regard to concerns about its potential harmful effects. Also, we do not believe we should vaccinate children, so they can "safely" lead a promiscuous lifestyle. We do not want to send our children out into the world on such a note. Finally, the COVID-19 vaccination has not been well tested, tried and true. There are hundreds of reports circulating about its ineffectiveness and harmful (possibly fatal) side effects. We personally know multiple individuals who have suffered mild, moderate, and severe side effects from the vaccination. We also personally know several people who have contracted a virus, some tested as covid and some presumed covid, who have completely recovered from any and all symptoms. We do not personally know ANYONE that has presumably died from contracting the Covid-19. In all actuality, we have not really heard of ANYONE in our area who has presumably died after contracting the Covid-19.

Please support SB212 for these reasons. At the very least, these decisions should be given back to the collective body of our elected legislators. The KDHE has already caused harm and, in some cases devastation and death, to the health and well-being of our children. The KDHE is not trustworthy and should not be given single-handed authority to manage the required childhood vaccine schedules.

Respectfully, sincerely, and prayerfully,

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And on behalf of my husband, Craig R. Dugan

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