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Chairman Hilderbrand and Esteemed Members of the Senate Public Health Committee,

I stand in strong support of SB 212. This bill accomplishes several simple goals:

- 1) Returns the responsibility to assess the need for new vaccinations to the legislature,
- 2) Empowers children and parents with their God given and Constitution secured inalienable rights,
- 3) Appropriately positions the Secretary of Health and Environment to educating and recommending for new vaccinations.
- 4) Addresses children in day care facilities and schools.

As we exit an era where individual rights and freedoms have been assaulted like never before, it is critical that decisions regarding one's health be afforded to only the individual or their legal guardian. The new vaccines on the horizon are experimental with an unknown complication profile (particularly long term). The risk of complications related to the Covid vaccine clearly outweighs any perceived benefit to the individual. Children do not struggle with Covid-19. There is no evidence that children need to be forced immunized for society to reach herd immunity.

In 1986, the Federal government passed the "National Childhood Vaccination Act of 1986". This law granted liability immunity to manufacturers of vaccines. This was done secondary to a multitude of lawsuits being filed and won on behalf of vaccine injured children. The bill set up a Federal mediation board to rule on complaints moving forward. Since its inception, this mediation board has granted \$4.5 billion in awards to injured individuals. The US Supreme Court in written rulings regarding vaccines has labeled them as "unavoidably, unsafe".

The stark reality is that our current Secretary of Health and Environment has conducted himself in a manner that has lost the trust of the people of Kansas. That issue combined with the data and facts you will here today regarding Constitutional rights and the unknown that shrouds the Covid vaccine makes it imperative that we put decision making responsibilities in the correct hands, those of the parents and the legislature.

Thank you!

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