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Esteemed Senators,

I testify in full support of Senate Bill 6. The failed covid response put on full display the problems with public health:

- 1) Untrained bureaucrats were positioned to make decisions that were incorrect at every turn.
- 2) Collateral damage was strewn everywhere.
- 3) Science was abandoned for politics.
- 4) Our Constitution was abandoned.

With SB 6, Kansas puts decision making in the hands of its citizens. As such, SB 6 puts public health in a position to succeed for each of us.

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