

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

SB6

Proponent Testimony

February 8, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support of Senate Bill 6.

As a retired family doctor, I have never in all my many years encountered anything like the mandates, lockdowns and quarantines that we in Kansas (and many other states) have had to experience since March 2020, based solely on the non-scientific (certainly as defined when I trained over 40 years ago) and ever changing whims of the Governor, Secretary of Health, county commissioners and public health officers (not to mention the CDC and FDA), many of whom have not encountered a patient in practice.

Senate Bill 6 will prevent this from ever happening in the future, even as we now struggle with the increasingly adverse consequences of these mandates, lockdowns, and quarantines, not only on public health, but also with the economy and the avalanche of mental illnesses in both adults and children. We will be living with these well into the next generation.

I would appreciate your support of Senate Bill 6.

Sincerely,

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