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SB 391

Proponent

Written Only

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Charwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I fully support SB 391 and would ask members of the health committee to as well.

I think most of would agree that health care has become something that is growing government, agencies, and lobbyists in Topeka, and not about health care.

As I read through the letter written to Senator Gossage from Adam Proffitt, director of the budget, it helped me to realize that this bill is more important than ever. In this letter Mr. Proffitt referred to how much it costs the state to address outbreaks and disease. All of these “estimated costs” that would “likely” occur if KDHE was not able to do their job in our state. Apparently, we the people have forgotten how to take care of ourselves when we become ill. So, we need an agency to tell us what we should do when we get sick, just like they did during Covid. We all know how that worked out.

I would propose to you that KDHE is an agency that grows government and adds to our tax burden.

We do not need an agency to tell us how to live our lives. What we need is an agency that actually recommends good health care practices, so that disease becomes less and not more common. An agency that teaches healthy living practices that would include holistic medicine and encourages eating a healthier diet as well as incorporating regular exercise. In doing those things, we wouldn't need an over inflated agency that requires more tax money year after year.

I am praying for you as a committee to seek the truth and wisdom that only comes from our Heavenly Father. That you would lean not unto your own understanding, but truly be a light bearer of His truth.