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SB19
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Jennifer Goates

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Public Health & Welfare Committee,

Kansans (and all people) should have the right to *not* be coerced to take pharmaceutical products that carry risk of debilitation or death. This seems like common sense, bodily autonomy, that I should be able to freely choose what goes in my body and my children's bodies without fear of losing my job, my educational opportunities, my children's educational opportunities, my childcare, or access to goods or services.

A conscientious objection is in order.

I conscientiously object to medical coercion of any kind.

I conscientiously object to medical coercion, where the product carries a black-box warning- risk of death or serious injury.

I conscientiously object to medical coercion, where the product carries the risk of harmful side effects and debilitation.

I conscientiously object to medical coercion, where the providers of the medical products are billionaires who have paid billions of dollars in fines for fraud.

I conscientiously object to medical coercion, where the providers of the products carry no responsibility for any negative effects or death.

It is undeniable that pharmaceutical products can harm and result in death.

It is unreasonable to allow any Kansan to coerce any other Kansan to take a pharma intervention that could result in death that no one will be responsible for.

It is the responsibility of our state government- for the **people**, by the people- to ensure that both private and public corporations and institutions cannot require Kansans to have medical intervention. This decision should be between an individual and their doctor only.

We have gotten far off course from the protections that our Constitution intended. This is one opportunity to right the course. Provide Kansans with a conscientious right to refuse!

Sincerely,

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Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

SB19 - Written Proponent Testimony, February 5, 2025

Dear Honorable Chairman Senator Beverly Gossage and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

I strongly urge your support for SB19 enacting the conscientious right to refuse act to prohibit discrimination against individuals who refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination and revoking the authority of the secretary of health and environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties

I am against state regulations and laws that threaten under duress Kansas citizens to treat our bodies in a state mandated way. It is a gross overreach to have the state government mandate an individual's ingestion of medical pharmaceuticals. No US state or federal government should force medical treatments on individuals. A few years ago the phrase "My body, my choice" was quite popular. The truth of that phrase still stands today,

Many people have lost trust particularly over the COVID years in so-called health regulators, the pharmacological industry and the medical establishment.

Regulators routinely find medical treatments to be "safe" even though there is a non-trivial risk of death, which most lay folks, would not in any way understand to be "safe. Let decision remain up to the individual in conjunction with their doctor.

SB 19 is a basic citizen right. It is surprising and disturbing that we have to defend it in state law beyond what is in the constitution.

I appreciate your support for SB 19.

Sincerely,
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February 2, 2025

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Pamela Vetter

Senator Gossage and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

SB 19 is one of the best health bills that this committee will ever have the opportunity to pass. I strongly encourage you to pass this bill as written.

For the past few years there has been an effort to do away with K.S. A. 65. This bill undermines the constitutional rights of an individual relating to medical care and interventions. No authority should have the right to isolate or quarantine individuals. Recommendations are welcome, but not forced edicts that are often biased and baseless. This happened in other countries around the world during Covid, but should never happen here.

As far as medical procedures and treatments go, we should never be coerced or forced to do anything medically. Pharmaceuticals are not "one size fits all" products. There are side effects to EVERYTHING!

Because of this fact, we should always have the right to say no. Period.

Because I have tested positive for MTHFR, I should never get a vaccine that includes thimerosal or mercury ever again. I received an MMR booster years ago and had a very bad reaction. Thankfully, I am not dealing with a permanent condition or autoimmune disorder like so many others have experienced.

When an injury is incurred who pays? Who is accountable? There should be compensation. This bill addresses that loophole.

Right now the legislature is trying to pass the Help Not Harm Act. This bill does the same in a different way. This bill allows citizens to say no to medical interventions that could affect their lives very negatively.

My last plea to you is to consider the people who need this bill, which is all of us, whether you are able to see it now or not. We are in a health crisis in our nation and we need protections now more than ever.

Sincerely, Pam Vetter