

02/05/2025

SB29

Proponent

Written Only

Chairman Gossage and Members of the committee,

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SB29. COVID-19 changed the way people look at their health freedoms. We, the public, used to trust our doctors, physicians, and health officers to give us the truth about health and medications to help prevent future illnesses. A lot of that trust has been lost due to overreaching mandates, greedy pharmaceutical companies, and tyrannical politicians.

Personally, I have lost all trust in pharmaceutical companies and what I can believe. With that said, I don't want to take any of their vaccines and am hesitant to take any new medicine on the market they may prescribe. It should be up to the adult (18 years and older) individual on what they want to put in their bodies. They should be able to make that choice without the repercussions of the local health official. That health official should only be able to recommend what is necessary, not mandate it. It should be up to the individual whether they want to take the recommended actions. They should not have to worry about being drug from their homes and arrested by the local gestapo and/or put into quarantine or isolation.

The people of Kansas have been asking for these health freedom protections for the last 4 years. It's sad when the elected officials who were elected by the people take what the big money interests say over the people. This is especially sad in a red state with conservative super majorities in both the house and senate. With Donald Trump back in office and sweeping changes happening at the national level, it is an opportune time for the State of Kansas to step up and give the people of the state the protections they've been asking for.

I strongly urge you to support SB29 in its original form.

Respectfully,

Brett Anderson

Republican Precinct Committeeman

Sedgwick County

February 5, 2025

BILL # SB29

PROPONENT

WRITTEN ONLY

Cindy Bauer

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee:

I am asking you to support SB 29--The Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act. This bill protects my individual health rights while limiting government overreach.

The KDHE and local health officers are not elected by the people of Kansas--and should only be allowed to RECOMMEND AND EDUCATE.

Please uphold our Constitution's Fourth Amendment. Kansans want to feel secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures.

FOURTH AMENDMENT

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Please follow our Constitution by supporting SB29 for Kansas citizens.

Thank you for serving.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bauer

February 6, 2025

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Tamara Bennett

Chairwoman Beverly Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I support SB29, the "Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act." I believe this legislation is a crucial step toward safeguarding individual liberties and ensuring appropriate checks and balances within our public health system. By enacting this bill, Kansas will affirm its commitment to individual health freedom, ensuring that citizens have autonomy over their personal health decisions without undue governmental interference. By revoking the secretary's authority to unilaterally impose quarantines and penalties, the bill introduces necessary checks to prevent potential governmental overreach during public health crises. COVID-19 is a perfect example of why we need SB29. Lockdowns were imposed over a virus that we now know has a death rate and risk profile similar to the common flu. These lockdowns caused months of lost learning for our kids and mental health crises for our teens and adults. Not to mention all the businesses that we lost due to these unconstitutional shutdowns. We now know social distancing had no basis in scientific evidence and this has been confirmed from Dr. Fauci himself. We know masks were ineffective. We know the COVID-19 vaccine had a much higher risk profile than we were told and is not effective at preventing infection or transmission. Government interference during COVID-19 caused a lot of harm. Individuals must have the right to make their own decisions about their health and the government should never be able to remove individuals, including minors, from their residence because they deem them a threat. Senate Bill 29 is a forward-thinking piece of legislation that upholds the constitutional rights of Kansans while ensuring that public health authorities operate within appropriate boundaries. By supporting this bill, we affirm our commitment to individual liberties and responsible governance. Please pass SB29.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Tamara Bennett

2/5/2025
12:30 a.m.

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Chairman Gossage and Members of the Committee on Public Health & Welfare

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SB29.

I support this bill as I do not want the KDHE Secretary and any local health officer to decide anything about me, my minor children, or minor grandchildren who might live with me at any time. I do not want any of them to have the ability to decide that we are threats of any kind due to our refusal of treatment, tests, quarantine, or vaccines. I do not want the sheriff or other law enforcement to have any power to remove any of us from our homes and place us in a quarantined facility until they decide we are no longer a health threat.

This bill takes that power from the KDHE Secretary and any local health officers and keeps it with me and my family. Local health officers can recommend and educate but have no power to act. This bill also removes the law enforcement portion which is essential because it's the teeth/enforcement of a 4th Amendment violation – no unlawful search and seizure

I want Kansas to be a freedom state again as we were a number of years ago. I support reducing the size and scope of government and this bill does just that.

The reasons above are why I support SB29.

Respectfully,

Gloria Bayer
Republican Precinct 539 Committeewoman
Sedgwick County

February 5, 2025

SB 29

Proponent

Written Only Testimony

Tabitha Clark

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask you to send SB 29 out of the committee to be voted on. Kansas residents have the right to make decisions for our own health without facing discrimination from our government. My health, and the health of my family, should be between ourselves and our family doctor. We can appreciate the recommendations from the Health Secretary, but in no way should those recommendations become a mandate that can cause removal of us from our homes if we choose to respond differently due to our own health conditions or beliefs. Please send the bill on and when it is time to vote, please vote YES to protect your citizens from government overreach.

Thank you for your time,

Tabitha Clark

Senate District 16

Today: Feb 5, 2025

Bill: SB29

Proponent Written Only

Conferee: Patricia DeDamos

Representing: Self and Daughter Amanda DeDamos

Dear Senator Gossage and Members of the Committee,

We whole heartedly support the passage of SB29 to further protect citizens from abuse and further restrictions of their individual freedoms.

The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against **unreasonable** searches and seizures, **shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue**, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." This amendment protects from **arbitrary invasions** of privacy by the government. It ensures that individuals cannot be subjected to unreasonable searches and seizures without proper justification and legal authorization. By requiring a warrant based on probable cause, the Fourth Amendment **prevents law enforcement officials from conducting searches and seizures based on mere suspicion or whim**.

- ✓ It preserves personal privacy and security by preventing unwarranted intrusions into their homes, belongings, and personal lives.
- ✓ It protects individuals from harassment and intimidation by government agents who might otherwise abuse their power.
- ✓ It promotes the rule of law by ensuring that law enforcement officers must follow proper legal procedures when conducting searches and seizures. (due process!)
- ✓ It helps maintain a balance between the government's need to enforce laws and investigate crimes, and the individual's right to privacy and freedom from unreasonable government intrusion.
- ✓ It helps ensure that the government cannot overstep its bounds and infringe upon the privacy and security of individuals without proper justification and legal authority.

We need to, as a Republic, shrink government and increase freedom and liberty of the people. This bill absolutely does that.

Are you familiar with *The Milgram experiment*? Milgram was a series of **notable social psychology experiments** conducted by Yale University psychologist Stanley Milgram in 1961. It measured the willingness of study participants to obey an authority figure who instructed them to perform acts that conflicted with their personal conscience, shocking right!?! An 'EXPERT' can manipulate others into do doing something they would NOT normally consent to - does any of this sound familiar?

Thank you for supporting The US Constitution and Individual Liberty but passing SB29

Sincerely, Patricia and Amanda DeDamos

Hello Committee,

Thank you for taking up this issue of great importance. We learned during the COVID overreach that not only was restricting the rights of people in a public health emergency of little value to the spread of a virus, but the far reaching and long-term negative impact of fear propaganda, economic disaster, worsened physical and mental health, and academic loss will define a generation. With regard to SB29 I propose the following three points of consideration:

1. Opposition to this bill which will repeal and limit the unconstitutional and unethical authority of a public health officer will decry "public health and safety", AS IF people are not innately wired for self-preservation. The instinct to survive, as well as the instinct to preserve the safety of those we love is an undeniable self-motivator. While some demand that only "subject matter experts", as defined by their degrees, certifications, and experience in what is loosely defined as "public health", are qualified to keep individuals safe, self-evident reality proves this to be false. Left to our own demise, we do not instinctually run headlong into danger; our strong instinct for self-preservation guides our actions.
2. #1 being the case, the Founding Documents of the US did not protect or provide provision for "public health and safety." Individuals are best capable of weighing certain options against one another when making decisions. What individuals would have weighed on their own without outside influence during Covid, things like personal and family health, risks of mitigation measures and vaccines, economic impact, mental and spiritual well being, neighborly goodwill, etc. were best suited to be determined by each individual. WE WERE NOT ALL IN THE SAME BOAT! We might all have found ourselves in the same ocean, but with dramatically different boats! Public health officials, although perhaps a wellspring of useful knowledge, could not determine what each boat needed to navigate the waters. In doing so, in taking those decisions away from individuals, all other areas suffered as a consequence of the unattainable goal of "slowing the spread."
3. #2 being the case, we must revisit #1. 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America. "We hold these truths to be self-evident (plain as the nose on your face, no degree needed), that all MEN (mankind, men and women, made in God's image) are created equal (no delineation between those with higher education degrees and certificates versus the farmer or business owner or stay at home educating mom), that they are endowed by their Creator (there is a Creator, a sovereign Creator, Nature's God, who wrote Nature's Laws that ALL created beings are subject to) with certain unalienable rights (cannot be given away and cannot be taken), that among these are Life, Liberty, and the PURSUIT of Happiness." Notice that from this understanding the founders determined the just duties of man and any government established by man for the purpose of securing man's rights. Governments don't possess rights; men and men alone possess rights. The founders were not ignorant. In fact they understood that for government to become tyrannical only took the empowering of government with that which only men are to possess. Man is endowed by its Creator not only with legal rights under the law, but self-evident, instinctual, innate knowledge and wisdom that is not to

be assumed by any government for ANY reason, not even some elusive idea of "public health and safety."

We learned from Covid. What a blessing! We now have an opportunity to right the ship. SB29 does not diminish the ability of public health officers to provide support for those who would seek it. It does however return rightful decision-making back into the hands of a free people. For this reason, I urge you to vote in favor of SB29 and the right of the people to make their own decisions. This committee might be wise to consider that when the government assumes the right to make critical decisions for citizens, it also steals personal responsibility from them as well. Governments who take rights rarely, if ever, assume responsibility for the outcomes. Something to consider.....

Thank you,

Tiffany Ellison
Miami County, KS
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February 3, 025

SB 29 Proponent, Written only

Michelle Eagleman

Madam Chair Gossage and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Constitutional right to Health Freedom Act, SB 29. I have a copy of the Constitution of the State of Kansas. It reflects the US Constitution in many ways, and I would like to read a portion of it that applies to this bill. Section 7 is about religious liberty and it specifically states in the text, "...nor shall any control of or interference with the rights of conscience be permitted...".

There is nothing unclear about that, but during covid, we saw with forced masking and vaccine mandates how ineffective this phrase was. Unelected county and state officials apparently DID have control over an individual's conscience. Their mandates and 'guidance', all for our 'benefit, health, or safety' caused many, many more problems than it helped: people were denied treatment—for covid or other health issues, effective treatments for covid were withheld, people were subjected to fearmongering, constant testing, forced quarantining, and travel, school, and job restrictions. Once Pfizer and Moderna miraculously had an experimental shot ready, the mandates began and people formed two camps—the anti-vaxx group and the vaxx-or-else group.

There is a lot at stake in these health freedom bills. I don't think I'm overstating that our republic is at stake. For one thing, the Constitution of KS and the US for that matter mean nothing if we people don't stand behind the words. For another thing, our freedom as citizens is at stake. In 2021, I stood outside the county courthouse in DGCO with probably 30 other people, all of us not being allowed in without a mask (ironically to protest the mask mandate) with over a dozen sheriff's officers lined up forcibly barring our way in, even those with written exemptions. It was like a dystopian novel! Was that moral? Yesterday it was implied that to be opposed to vaccination was immoral. If that is the case, what is morality—obeying your conscience, or obeying the powers that be?

Totalitarianism pretends to be compassion, but it goes against liberty in all its forms. There was nothing compassionate in my husband, who worked at home and already had had covid, being told he had to get an experimental shot or be fired. There was nothing compassionate about my son being unable to fulfill his obligations as a ROTC student and train at Ft. Knox his junior year if he didn't get an experimental shot. There was nothing compassionate about my daughter being unable to travel on an honors scholar trip she earned to Israel unless she got the experimental shot. One-size-fits-all health care is a contradiction in terms. There is no defending forced health care

SB 29 needs to pass this committee—finally! The legislature hasn't stood in the breach to protect citizens from overreach in the name of Public Health. Not in the special session, not the next year, not last year. This is another opportunity. Enacting the Constitutional right to Health Freedom Act to regulate the activities of the Secretary of Health and Environment related to public health functions and repealing statutes relating to the Secretary's ability to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties is sadly, a necessity.

Thank you,

Michelle Eagleman
Pct. Committeeperson,
Vice-Chair DGCO Republicans
Senate District 2

Feb 4, 2025

Bill: SB29

Proponent Written-only Testimony for Feb 7,2025 Hearing

Conferee: Dale Enyart

Representing: Self

Chair Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I am a ***STRONG PROPONENT OF SB29. First and foremost, it aligns us with freedoms protected by the Constitution of these United States.*** Secondly, it aligns us with the guidance from the CDC. To keep this short, as I am certain you have been overwhelmed with communications, I would ask you to 100% support SB29 simply from the standpoint that our Kansas State Supreme Court can justify abortion as a "constitutional right", then we definitely have the "my body, my choice" right to not be forcibly quarantined or removed from our residences by law enforcement at the behest of unelected bureaucrats.

I ask that you support SB29 and pass it out to the Senate floor.

Thank you,
Dale Enyart

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Proponent of SB 29
February 5, 2025

Madam Chair Gossage and Committee Members:

Please pass SB29 - The Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act. This bill protects individual rights and limits government overreach in public health decisions. I support SB29.

Please safeguard basic human rights, constitutional rights and parental rights; civil and political rights such as freedom of speech, life, private property, protection against being defrauded, freedom of religion, and the right not to be enslaved by another. Thank you for your help in protecting these.

Sincerely - Elizabeth Groff, Linwood, Kansas

"Science without conscience is the soul's perdition" – Rabelais



Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

SB29 - Written Proponent Testimony, February 4, 2025

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

I strongly urge your support for SB29 enacting the constitutional right to health freedom act to regulate the activities of local health officers related to public health functions and revoking the secretary's authority to quarantine individuals and impose penalties for violations thereof.

I am against state regulations and laws that threaten under duress Kansas citizens to treat our bodies in a state mandated way on pain of being removed or having our children removed from our homes. 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.

Many people have lost trust particularly over the COVID years in so-called health regulators, the pharmacological industry and the medical establishment. As stated by the recent Florida Grand Jury Report on the COVID vaccines:

"It is frustrating to this Grand Jury, as it should be frustrating to everyone who reads this report, to know that these sponsors have taken in billions of taxpayer dollars for creating and selling their vaccines; they cannot be sued if something goes wrong with them; they have access to critical information about deaths related to a side effect of their products; and the public does not have access to that information.

Instead, we are left to speculate, and the research community is left to draw inferences as one-off ... histopathological reports detailing the events of ... death ... trickle into scientific journals slowly, year after year. Somehow, withholding this valuable safety information is not a crime. It certainly should be." 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.

SB 29 is a step in the right direction to rectify the overreach of state mandates. I appreciate your support for SB 29.

Sincerely,
John Ims
Senate District # 1
Douglas County
Lawrence, KS
66049

C/O Committee Assistant: Suzanne Nelson, Public.Health.Welfare@senate.ks.gov

TESTIMONY FOR SB 29

February 6, 2025

Good Morning to the Honorable members of this Senate Committee! A special Hello to my senator from Reno County, the Honorable Michael Murphy.

I would like to encourage each one of you to vote yes on this bill SB 29.

Of particular interest to me is the safeguarding of personal liberty in decisions that affect my health decisions and keep these decisions in tact as guaranteed in the 4th Amendment to the US Constitution.

This Bill would keep the positions of directors and Health officers as advisory positions as the original intent of such positions and not as authorities to mandate.

The Director of KDHE and county level Health Advisors are just that: experts (hopefully) to educate and guide and recommend; not to be in a capacity as a Law Enforcement official of any kind.

Please vote to ensure our constitutional rights are upheld in the State of Kansas by preserving each citizen of Kansas right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness (Good Health via personal liberty) and independent choices.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robin G. Jackson, Ph.D.
Hutchinson, Kansas
Professor of Chemistry/Mathematics**

2-5-2025

SB29

Proponent

Written Only

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of Public Health and Welfare

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SN29

I strongly support SB29, The Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act. This bill protects individual rights and limits government overreach in public health decisions.

Please pass SB29.

Thank-you

Tammy Minihan

Republican Precinct Committeewoman

Sedgwick County

Honorable Beverly Gossage
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Kansas Capitol, Room 142 South
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Proponent Written Testimony for SB29

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Committee:

My name is Debra Mize. Please accept this letter as my written testimony to be submitted in support of SB29.

SB29 seeks to address the many concerns of Kansans regarding Chapter 65. Under K.S.A. 65-129(b) the KDHE Secretary and local health officers can direct the sheriff to remove a person or their minor children from their residence and place them in quarantine. Additionally, under K.S.A. 65-129, the government can penalize the actions of Kansans who do not fully comply with these quarantine orders. This bill will take this power from the KDHE Secretary and, instead, only allow a local health officer to recommend and educate the public as to a health crisis.

No longer will the KDHE be able to mandate such actions like they did during Covid and, based on their actions during Covid, Kansans should no longer be required to trust this governmental agency to observe their constitutional rights.

I urge you to pass SB29 to protect Kansans from overreach by unelected health bureaucrats.

Respectfully,
Debra Mize, Proponent
Overland Park

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
SB 29

Proponent Testimony
Written Only Testimony

Richard Mullen
Lawrence, KS
Senate District #2

Honorable Chairwoman Gossage, Vice-Chair Clifford, Ranking Minority Holscher, and Committee Members:

I strongly urge your support of SB 29 that aims to protect the God-given right we have to health freedom. This bill protects Kansans' freedoms, religious rights, and bodily autonomy and prevents discrimination.

Public health overreach and the loss of individual freedoms during the COVID response debacle negatively impacted countless lives in our state. Lockdowns, forced quarantines, mask and vaccine mandates ruined small businesses, severely disrupted and hindered learning for children, forced people to lose their jobs, and caused sudden death and irreparable vaccine injuries to so many lives. It's time to shut the door on these mandates and forced quarantines once and for all. Under no circumstance can our Constitution be thrown out and governors and bureaucrats, acting like dictators, be allowed to take over. That's exactly what happened during the COVID response.

The role of secretary, county commissioners, and public health officers is to *recommend and educate*, NOT mandate, punish or order unlawful search and seizures of those citizens who conscientiously object. We cannot allow mandates to be dictated to the people ever again. That is why supporting SB 29 is so necessary.

I ask for and would appreciate your support of SB 29.

Sincerely,
Richard Mullen
Lawrence, KS

February 5, 2025

SB 29, Proponent, written testimony only

Respected Chair Gossage and committee members,

I am a proponent of SB 29 and thank you for holding a hearing on this Bill.

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 29, the Constitutional right to Health and Freedom Act. Families need not be afraid that one or all members could be taken by law enforcement and placed in quarantine of some sort. We need to take the power away from the KDHE secretary and we need to remove the law enforcement language.

By passing SB 29, we can ensure that the rights and freedoms of Kansans are protected while still maintaining necessary public health measures.

Please pass this Bill out of committee.

Thank you so much.

Most sincerely,

Jill O'Connor

Feb 6, 2025

SB29

Position: Proponent

Testimony: In-Person and Written

Sarah Pratt

Chairwoman - Beverly Gossage

Vice-Chair – William Clifford

Committee Members:

Chase Blasi

Renee Erickson

Michael Murphy

Stephen Owens

TJ Rose

Adam Thomas

Mike Thompson

In the case that I am not able to testify in public, I felt it was important enough to give my testimony on the matter of Senate Bill 29. As I understand, passing this bill would mean that the public health officials of the KDHE would only be allowed “to regulate the activities of local health officers related to public health functions and revoking the secretary's authority to quarantine individuals and impose penalties for violations thereof.” They would not be allowed to mandate, but educate and encourage the citizens of Kansas.

I want to share with you why I feel this is very important. A little back story about me. I was in a manipulated relationship with a man, while I was attending college, and was raped multiple times. With help from friends and divine intervention, I was able to escape and receive many years of ecclesiastical guidance and counselling. Fast forward to 2020-2021, also referred to as the “covid years”, the trauma that I thought I had been healed of returned, but in a different way. The KDHE and the local health director of our county advised/enforced a mask mandate. Now, they did make an exception for people “like me”, who had experienced the trauma I had endured, but it didn’t help. I tried to wear a mask, but was immediately brought back to feeling suffocated and began uncontrollably crying.

So, I called the local grocery stores and talked with the managers to make sure that I could shop at their establishments for just my family's basic needs. They assured me that I would be fine. In their defense, I was never "kicked out" or removed from there, but the hostility I received from the patrons was horrible. I was berated throughout the store by women, yelling at me that I am killing everyone, for not wearing a mask. I tried to wear a mask at Costco, just so that I could pick up laundry soap for my family. I had a panic attack when I removed it to breath. On one occasion, my children were harassed by an older man. My children were in tears, wondering why that man would say such mean things to them when all they did was smile. My children were always worried about me. I was thankful for the "exception" given by the governor, but I didn't realize that it would place a target on my back while I was out in public. Even in the congregation of my church, I received harsh criticism. There was no peace for me or my family.

Our family stood at rallies, both in our county and at the capital. I was terrified to speak at our local county commissioner meetings, during public comment, about the persecution I had endured. I didn't want to reveal to them something so personal and hurtful about my past. But I felt it necessary to share my story, in hopes that they would allow people to choose for themselves to wear a mask or not, in hopes that they could see what this mask mandate was doing to people "like me". I hoped to see some kind of sympathy and kindness from local leaders, but to no avail.

If something like "covid" happens again, and I am sure it will, there will always be something, I hope that this bill will stop those men and women of the KDHE and local health departments, who are unelected, from mandating and fining all citizens of Kansas. For whatever their reasons, whether it be trauma from their past or personal freedom, people should be allowed to choose for themselves and not be placed as targets for others to tear them down.

I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Sarah Pratt

Senate District 28/ House District 82

February 5, 2025

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Written Only

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I support SB29, the "Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act."

This legislation is crucial to preserve our liberties and ensure we have the appropriate checks and balances for public health.

This bill is necessary to affirm individual health freedom and autonomy over our personal health decisions. This is a bi-partisan issue that we all should get behind, especially since the Kansas Supreme Court has ruled on the importance of bodily autonomy.

Through the COVID-19 experience, we learned why SB29 is needed. Lockdowns were imposed over a virus that we now know has a death rate and risk profile like the common flu.

These lockdowns caused months of lost learning for our kids and mental health crises for our teens and adults. Dr. Fauci finally admitted that social distancing was never based on science, and many studies showed masks were ineffective for the particle size it was trying to protect against.

Government interference during COVID-19 caused a lot of harm. Individuals must have the right to make their own decisions about their health.

By supporting this bill, we affirm our constitutional rights as Americans.

Please pass SB29.

Sincerely,

Lauren Shiffman

Lenexa, KS

February 5, 2025

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Written Only

Ken Snyder

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I am writing you in support of SB29, the “Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act”. Like many other Kansans, my life and the life of my family were upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to COVID-19, I had full faith in the federal, state, and local health officials. After all, I assumed they were looking out for our health by making decisions based upon science and data.

Several months after the lockdowns, it became apparent that science and data were being ignored, and a political agenda was driving policy decisions. As a private citizen, I had little recourse against the obvious lies and abuse of power. We had entered George Orwell’s 1984.

While I pray that future health officials will have higher levels of integrity than what we have recently witnessed, we cannot rely on having the “right people”. The current statute grants too much power to the secretary of health and environment and local health officials. Therefore, we need SB29 to protect the rights of all Kansans.

Sincerely,

Ken Snyder

February 5, 2025

Bill: SB 29

Proponent Written Testimony Only

Conferee: Mary Stang

Representing: Self

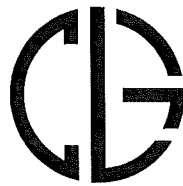
To Whom This May Concern, Chairman Gossage, Committee Members,

My name is Mary Stang and I am a lifelong resident of Sedgwick County. I am submitting this testimony as a proponent to SB 29. I am always for health freedom. I believe that every adult needs to be able to decide for themselves how they want to handle their own health and parents and guardians should always be able to decide how to handle their children's health as well. This should never be put into anybody's hands other than that. No one else knows your body like you know your own and if you trust your doctor they should also know what is best for you too. Even then it is ultimately your own decision to make for your own health. The CDC, etc. has the right to recommend, but they do not have the right to mandate anything on anybody. It has been proven that masks and distancing and vaccines for Covid did not help, it actually hindered and killed people. I do not trust any of these agencies with my health at all and will not allow them to mandate anything or tell me how to run my life ever. Also this pandemic was handled horribly and people died at the hands of doctors and nurses who did not know what they were doing and were listening to the CDC and the WHO who lied to the world about how to handle the flu and pneumonia. Any bill that goes against the right to health freedom should be burned as soon as it is brought to the floor or to anyone's attention. This is what the American people want is freedom to decide for ourselves how we handle our own health and it is up to you on this committee to represent the people that are demanding that you protect our freedoms and we expect you to stand strong and firm against it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Mary Stang

A Proud Kansan, Mom, Grandma and I Stand with the Constitution and Personal Freedom



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RE: *Senate Bill No. 29*
Proponent
Written Testimony Only
Michelle M. Suter

Dear Senators of Public Health and Welfare Committee:

I am a resident in House District 29, Senate District 8, a long time practicing transaction and trial attorney and former city attorney who submits the following in support of Senate Bill No. 29 with some minimal modifications detailed below, to be considered by the Committee at its meeting to be held Friday, February 7, 2025. My testimony is based upon personal experience and through assistance provided clients with incidents involving the public health officials during 2020-21 and the use and misuse of real or perceived 'authority' to order citizens under the guise of public health. I whole-heartedly endorse the modification of the role of secretary of health and environment to one of general supervision with a focus and limitation to communication.

The restriction by government workers of the freedom of movement of other citizens which directly impinge on rights of the other such as we witnessed in the past several years should never be condoned or be possible even as an unintended consequence. Serving the people as individuals for whom government was created must remain in the forefront of what you do as Senators. By removing sequestering, quarantine and isolation powers which I submit were illegal in the first place and violated the constitutional protections of the citizenry and redirecting the secretary of health and environment to an educational focus will be of great benefit. There is no place for unelected people to compel or restrict actions or movement of Kansans in the name of public health.

I am hopeful that due to the myriad of changes being made on a federal level and with that the further education of all people about the human body, its resiliency and of the many and varied ways in which we can protect and support it for lasting health that state and local government can retreat completely in these areas to be merely a statistical and information collection source for education. Senate Bill 29 is a good first step in that direction. I am hopeful that a public/private cooperative may be established to allow for more continuous study and review of all procedural and substantive laws in this and all areas moving forward to facilitate more efficient and effective practical and reasonable adjustments to the laws of Kansas as we step into the future. This would alleviate time restraints you as legislators have while further engaging the community in which you serve which is so needed. I would volunteer my participation toward that end.

It is necessary as proposed in Senate Bill 29 to eliminate the sequestering language to allow public health to stand beside the citizenry and not lord over it. I was witness to not only overreach but downright prison guard behavior and worse, the assumption of public health official 'powers' by others, both by county officials and school employees through actions neither prescribed nor allowed. I observed and interacted with uneducated public health officials who followed not their prescribed roles as employees under the Secretary but the whims of others playing both experts on the human bodies of others and arbiters of spaces where

children should be confined. Likewise employers and institutions relied upon these powers to justify onerous restrictions on those living within and coming to work in our state. Senate Bill 29 once enacted and explained within and without that department and the public health community will more clearly delineate roles and put an end to such behavior. Should anyone wish to receive specific elaboration or examples feel free to contact me.

I found some areas which could benefit from minor revision to give clarity to our intention. With regard to the following comments I am available to elaborate and provide examples to illustrate and support each one if that would benefit any group or member. These are addressed in the order in which they appear in the proposed bill.

65-101(a)(1) "use of these reports and other records". This should either provide recitation to where "other records" are defined or elaborate as to sources or type.

65-101(a)(6) directs and outreach indicating direct contact with or communication to an individual to instruct that person. To maintain consistence in context revise to state: (6) provide public health *information* services to the people of the state including educational and other *opportunities* designed to increase *general* awareness of public and other health services.

65-101(b) rules and regulation pertaining to 65-101(a) as stated now allows for an argument that both must exist and one or the other is permitted. Changing "and" to "or" eliminates this- alternatively or also adding "of any type, kind or nature whatsoever" provides further clarity.

65-116g(a)(2) should be deleted.

Not only do patients in an institution have the absolute right to LEAVE such premises - those institutions with boiler plate 'agreements' with check boxes often incorporating volumes of CYA material never provided to the proposed patient are already emboldened. Once again I unfortunately have direct examples where the pharma medical system is challenging people in their weakened condition and parents worried about care for children being threatened when alternative solutions and remedies enter the discussion. Again, specific examples can be provided.

It gives too much power to an 'institution' to issue rules and regulations. Those with this provision included give those the force of law. That is an impermissible delegation of legislative power. It is overly broad and punitive to the extent it infringes upon and makes exercise of individual sovereignty and civil liberties. It transfers the power of the individual to a vague edict of a corporation which is completely opposite to health freedom which should be inviolate.

65-119(a) please amend to provide that the individual involved and the family of the deceased shall be notified of the intent to report, the basis for the report and the contents of the report as well as to whom/what the report will be made and information to access or be provided with a copy of the report. In addition in view of 2020 experiences the "knows or has information indicating" is much too vague to support a 'report' that may wind its way out to target an individual.

65-118(b) accountability must be incorporated and immunity must not be given because to do so is to eliminate all accountability. Particularly if you do not modify the "knows or has information indicating" the proposed reporter must understand consequences of actions and not feel free to wield a report to further some agenda beyond what is contemplated by this body.

65-129(b) remove all language regarding "until local health officer determines..". Each section should end with such person providing a recommendation as the balance suggest it is not a recommendation but there is some implicit authority.

Any and all voluntary isolation of any elderly or minor person or other upon their exercise of free will and sovereignty must include any other person who consents to participate. No one should be locked up for a real or perceived 'condition'. Transmission of 'disease' and communicability knowledge is increasing at a rapid rate. Your job is to adjust but legislate appropriately to be useful.

65-202(a) local health officers shall be explicitly prohibited from delegation of any duties. Again I have specific instances on this involving local public health officials, parents, students, school board and school principals.

65-202(f) Change ***failure or neglect to perform*** to "any violation hereof" because that encompasses what they are supposed to do AND what they are not allowed/supposed to do.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and support Senate Bill 29.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle M. Suter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" being more prominent than the last name "Suter".

Michelle M. Suter

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February 5, 2025

SB29

Proponent

Written Only

Pam Vetter

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

Senate Bill 29 is a much needed bill. The citizens of Kansas need this reformed bill that puts guard rails around KDHE. The current version of K.S.A. 65 is not a bill that most Kansans are even aware exists. When I share the content of this bill with my friends and family they are shocked that we have a bill that can force quarantine and undermines the duties of our elected Sheriffs.

I hope you have been paying attention to what is happening on a federal level. We have government agencies that are bloated with funding that are not producing good results. I imagine that is happening in the great state of Kansas as well.

I would like to see more accountability with our agencies, especially with the KDHE. I'm almost sure that we would see spending that could be cut as a result of a line by line audit of the agency.

The over reach of government has become egregious, thus the need for a revised version of K.S.A. 65.

SB 29 is a common sense approach for the KDHE to implement. It covers all the scenarios and the wording "recommend" is used appropriately throughout its language.

Please pass SB29 as written.

Pam Vetter

SB29 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I've listened to many testimonies in support of health freedom bills, including attending the SB19 hearing in person. It's striking to me that those in support are often everyday people, simply trying to protect themselves and their families from what they see as overreach by the government. On the other hand, those against these bills are more often than not paid lobbyists, whose personal views may align with the bill, but their job demands they present a different stance. Sadly, it seems many of the legislators are more concerned with what the lobbyists want than We The People.

During the COVID-19 lockdowns, my mother, who was in her late 80s and beginning to suffer from Alzheimer's, was in an assisted living facility. For months, I was not allowed to visit her, and she couldn't understand why. The isolation only made her mental state worse.

Now, imagine if my mom had been living with me at the time. What if an unelected bureaucrat had ordered the sheriff to remove me from my home because I refused the vaccine, or mandated that I stay inside, unable to leave to care for my mother? I was responsible for providing her food, medications, and personal care. Without me, she couldn't care for herself. What would the sheriff have done for her in that situation?

These are the kinds of scenarios I worry about—where decisions are made by individuals who are not accountable to the people, and those decisions could lead to unnecessary harm. No one should have to live in fear of being separated from their loved ones or losing their ability to care for them due to a bureaucratic decision.

We've seen the harm that can result from reactive measures, but when we act proactively, we can avoid some of that harm. SB29 provides the opportunity to protect Kansans from government overreach and ensure that personal health decisions remain in the hands of individuals, not unelected officials.

I urge you to pass SB29 as written to restore Kansans' constitutional rights and protect the freedoms we all value.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Sue

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Sedgwick County Precinct Committeewoman