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Hi my name is Debra Rohr. I am a voter in Wichita Kansas.
Please support HB 2094 for a Conscientious Exemption to state-mandated vaccinations.
My husband, Don and I have 6 children aging from 15 to 3 years, with a family history of auto immune disorders.

As we have discovered through research, children with this medical history are more prone to vaccine reactions. We feel that as parents who have researched vaccine safety and our own personal family history as well as speaking to our family physician, it is our right to choose which vaccines are appropriate and safe for our family. Our family strongly believes in parental rights, informed consent, and freedom of conscience. We are confused about why there should even exist any state medical mandates at all, are we not a free nation? Having this mandate prohibits our family's rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Our family believes that The conscientious exemption allows Kansans to make health decisions that they decide are best for their children instead of letting the government or the schools dictate what is best for their child's health. Parents cannot make a truly free or informed decision if they have to choose between vaccinations and an education for their child. School enrollment should not be used to coerce or intimidate parents into making such an important health decision for their children. This decision and responsibility belongs to the *parents or guardians* of the children.

All 50 states have at least a medical and or religious exemption and 19 have a conscientious one and that there is no relationship between the reported exemptions and reported diseases in these states. Outbreaks in infectious disease occur in unvaccinated *and* vaccinated communities.

Thank you,
Debra Rohr
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