



**Testimony of Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation
In Opposition of House Bill 2094
Submitted to the House Health and Human Services Committee
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Representative Landwehr and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to express our opposition to HB 2094.

HB 2094 would allow a parent or guardian to exempt their child from required immunizations simply for reasons of conscience or personal beliefs. Currently the statute allows an exemption for religious or medical reasons.

This bill would allow anyone to opt out for any reason. KPSC feels that the expansion of the exemptions for immunizations can lead to greater illness and death due to diseases that have become preventable through such immunizations. Immunizations not only protect the person receiving the treatment they also protect everyone else by preventing diseases from spreading. If this bill would pass it would put everyone's children at greater risk for serious diseases. Immunizations have played an important role in controlling some of the nation's worst epidemics. For example, two deadly diseases, Polio and Smallpox, have been largely eradicated in the United States because of immunizations.

KPSC is a for profit corporation owned by independent community pharmacies throughout Kansas. On behalf of our members statewide, we urge you to oppose HB 2094.

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