Chairman Huebert,

I am writing this letter in support of HB 2601.

I have become very concerned in recent years in what is happening in our great state of Kansas concerning how many vaccines are recommended and mandated by the KDHE It really concerns me that there are over 50 vaccines recommended and mandated for children up to age 18.

My children have had their childhood vaccines, but will not receive the meningitis and HPV, nor Hep A vaccines. There is no reason for them to have these vaccines. My daughter is a junior in college and has never encountered one case of meningitis in her years at college nor my oldest daughter who attended college.

I am especially concerned with the HPV vaccine. This vaccine in particular has twice as much aluminum as other vaccines. In the YouTube video by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., he points out that the testing done on the HPV by Merck shows that one in forty young boys and girls will have an adverse reaction incurring an autoimmune disease. That is staggering. I personally saw a friend's daughter nearly die after receiving the vaccine. They were told she needed psychiatric evaluation and pain meds to deal with her issues which included severe pain, and abdominal distress to the point that she needed a feeding tube for months. Thankfully, they found a doctor in Kansas City who knew exactly what was going on and helped her find some relief and be able to keep food down once again, and assume a somewhat normal lifestyle. The doctors they saw when she became very ill, denied that it had anything to do with the vaccine, however her mother found later in her records that they thought it was due to the vaccine itself and not a virus. This injury was not reported to VAERS by the doctors involved. This is concerning as well because we really don't know how many children are actually having adverse side effects. I believe it is far greater that we are led to believe.

The amount of money and loss of income that was a result of this injury was very difficult for their family.

How can we ask families to trust vaccines when as a whole they do so much damage? This is one case of thousands. I am very grateful that this young woman is still alive today, but she will deal with lifelong injury due to the HPV vaccine. I hope and pray that Kansas will never add it to the mandated list. That would be a sad day for many future young people who would receive that vaccine and live to regret it.

We cannot assume that a medication is a one size fits all, which is why I ask that we maintain exemptions and not add any more vaccines to the required list. Let people choose what is best for their families. We know what is best for our families.

Thank you for your time,

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