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Re: HB: 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about informed consent, religious freedom, and medical freedom. Informed consent is the most fundamental ethic in medicine and a fundamental human right. When the government, my government that is to be for the people uses coercion to gain compliance it is an assault on our fundamental human rights. That is a direct attack on our medical freedom and our free will to chose.

The CDC does not require the pharmaceutical companies to conduct long term studies to demonstrate vaccine safety. Vaccines are not studied the same way the FDA requires medications to be studied. Most would argue that the safety of our children is the most important and yet we are dismissed and threatened when we ask for the research, when we ask questions, and we wonder if this is the best option. We parents know that when talking about the spread of disease it is scary, but so is being forced to inject multiple vaccines that have been untested into a child. Safety studies regarding vaccines are woefully inadequate. Vaccine injury is real. It is more common than people realize.

It is absurd to think that parents should not have a choice when something will be put directly into a child's body. I have a choice as an adult to consider my medical options while at the doctor and I should have that right as a parent to consider choices for my children. The few things we know about vaccines due to what little has been studied on vaccines are health problems with allergies, asthma, autoimmune disease, neurodevelopment disorders, possible death, and cancer. The pharmaceutical companies like to tell us parents and the media that "the science is settled", but I wonder how that can be when none of the vaccines have been studied long term? The CDC openly refuses to do long term studies but they find it acceptable with forcing children to get 24-28 vaccinations before kindergarten. One might wonder- what is the cost of all these health problems on treatment and disease on our communities, schools, and families.

It is unacceptable that my informed consent could be overrun by the federal and state authority. It is wrong that soon we may be bullied into compliance. California and New York have already removed parent's right to chose to make decisions about their children's health care options. The power hungry corporations and pharmaceutical companies want to force untested products on our children without parents being able to make an informed decision. We need to make the vaccine industry accountable for the products they are making. We need to be able to hold them liable for their products and currently we are not able to do so. Be aware the CDC recommends over 75 vaccinations for children from birth thru 18 years of age. Please be someone who stops and asks is over 75 vaccinations safe or is it too many?

Parents need to have the power of free choice, the power of informed consent, and religious freedoms to choose what is best for our children. Families need to know that those that represent them know that mandating vaccinations at the federal or state level are NOT what we want in Kansas. We want choice. We want our freedom of informed consent. We want religious freedom.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen Wichita, KS