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RE: Written testimony in support of SB212

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Chairman Hilderbrand and Respected Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

I am the current Director of Operations and Development for Kansans for Health Freedom, I run two small businesses with my husband, I have an Accounting and Business Administration degree with over a decade of experience in the fields of Finance and Accounting, and most importantly: I am a mother. **Today, I strongly urge you to support SB212.** 

> SB212 is the necessary next step for Kansas to correct course and reclaim the long-term health of our youth.

- The KDHE's required vaccine schedule for Kansas children has ballooned out of control. The current vaccine schedule for grades K-12 includes 20 vaccines covering 11 antigens (34 total doses). If the KDHE adds the HPV, annual flu, and COVID-19 vaccines, that total number would leap to 70+. How alarming!
- 2. Chronic childhood disease rates have also skyrocketed. Nearly every child you meet has some sort of chronic condition--eczema, diabetes, mental or behavioral challenges, asthma, food allergies, seizure disorders, cancer, etc. There seems to be a child cancer center popping up in every community. Has our ever-expanding vaccination program caused us to trade acute childhood illnesses (that are usually mild and resolve themselves), for chronic diseases that can be lifelong? At what horrific cost?
- 3. The KDHE's Secretary of Health is not the proper decision-maker. Putting the power to determine the vaccine schedule into the hands of a single, Governor-appointed official is bad public health policy. This structure has resulted in far more politicization of our children's health than if a body of elected officials held that responsibility. It is much too easy (and common) for a solitary individual to be targeted and politically persuaded. In contrast, you (our elected representatives) would be able to conduct a balanced hearing, weigh testimony from experts on both sides, collect the opinions of your constituents, then vote to arrive at a proper decision. Isn't that far better than placing the health (and potential harm) of every child in our state into the hands of a single, unelected person?

- 4. The HPV, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines are next. It is no secret that the KDHE--spurred on by the IKC--is targeting the HPV, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines to be added to the childhood schedules next. You MUST note: these are also the three vaccines with the least effectiveness and the most reported injuries. The HPV vaccine has such a gruesome record of injuries that it boggles my mind that it is still on the market. (Do you suppose that could have something to do with the lack of legal and financial liability)? The flu vaccine has the highest payout in Vaccine Court (also setup by the 1986 NCVIA that removed liability). Meanwhile, injuries and deaths are already pouring in for the COVID-19 vaccine and it hasn't even begun being administered to children.
- 5. The KDHE is not trustworthy. The 2020 pandemic brought out the true colors of Lee Norman and the KDHE. Their falsified charts, manipulated data, and lack of transparency proved that they are unfit for the job of independently managing our public health policies. You all just passed a KEMA bill to put checks and balances in place to help reign them in. Are you now going to leave them to decide solo what gets injected into the bodies of our innocent children? Please don't.

As a legislator considering SB212, I imagine you are asking yourself two main questions: (1) *Do* we truly have a problem here that needs fixed? and (2) Would I be able to do a better job of making these decisions than the KDHE's Secretary of Health?

Judging from the exorbitant number of vaccines now on the schedule, the even more alarming trajectory we are headed in with the flu, COVID-19 and HPV vaccines, and the rising rates of chronic diseases in our children, I would say we certainly have a problem here.

Next, judging from the reputation and track record that Lee Norman and the KDHE built during the pandemic, I would certainly say that the collective body of our elected representatives could do a much finer job than a single, unelected, Governor-appointed KDHE official. *It is imperative that we remove this power and responsibility from them immediately, before more damage is done.* 

Thank you for your time, attention, and devotion to this important matter and to our state.

Most sincerely,

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