## March 17, 2021

Dear Chairman, Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

## RE: In support of SB #212

I am a RN with over 30 plus years of experience, I have witnessed firsthand the increase in number of vaccines recommended by the CDC, physician's, and employers in healthcare.

Please look at the number of vaccines that were recommended during your own childhood vs the number of vaccines that newborns and children are expected to receive today. Would it surprise you to know that vaccines are given primarily in the first 18 months after birth? The human brain undergoes intense and rapid development during this period.

Approximately one-quarter of all children in the United States now suffer from Encephalopathy, Autism, ADD, ADHD, a learning disability, seizures, or some form of brain damage. Modern science has shown these conditions to be largely, if not entirely, autoimmune in nature. We are the most heavily vaccinated country in the world, and since 1986, vaccine manufactures have enjoyed protection from any legal liability.

I was basically forced out of my nursing career in 2018, due to the increased pressures by my employer to receive a yearly flu vaccine. Even a signed document stating for religious purposes was not necessarily able to guarantee my position. I chose to leave that position rather than risk my own health. I am a healthy individual and feel I am responsible and am proactive in my own health and wellness. I am 62 years old and take no prescription medication and have no major health issues. I do not want to put a foreign substance in my body that could potentially cause increased health issues, such as autoimmune disease, allergies, and/or cancer. I would like to know I have my freedom of choice to decide what is best for my health. This should be a parent's right to choose and NOT be forced or mandated what is best for their own child.

The KDHE should NOT have the authority to single handedly manage the required childhood vaccine schedules. Our Freedoms are at stake when mandates become the norm.

Please support SB 212 that would prohibit the KDHE from adding more vaccines for Kansas children.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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