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Miss Lydia Hayden  
House District 100

**Madam Chair Landwehr and the Distinguished Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:**

I am a registered nurse in the state of KS and I support HB 2498 to prevent the acting Secretary of Health and Environment from requiring the COVID-19 vaccination for children in daycare or schools.

I have been a practicing RN for the last 17 years in the state of Kansas. I have worked mostly with adult populations in my tenure as an RN, most recently as an RN Navigator in Population Health. Last year, when more people were taking the COVID-19 vaccine, I heard firsthand reports over the phone from adult patients recounting adverse reactions to this vaccine including short-term memory loss, blood clots in the legs, heart attacks, strokes, increased migraines or new migraines, shingles, and sudden unexplained death in the case of one 22 year-old female. These were all adults who resided in the state of KS. As a nurse and an aunt of several children, I am deeply concerned and troubled that this vaccine would be given to young children and infants when it did not go through long-term safety testing and because of the development of the existing studies, there were no true double-blind, placebo controlled studies conducted. There are tens of thousands of adverse events and thousands of deaths reported in the CDC VAERS database for the COVID-19 vaccine of all brands and formulations.

We must protect our most vulnerable people and those without their own voice in our state. I call on you to advance this bill to give the decision for this vaccine back to the parents and the physicians of the infants and children it would affect. This is the right and moral action to protect the children of Kansas and the future of our state.

Sincerely,

Lydia Hayden RN