

# ORAL AND WRITTEN TESTIMONIES IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

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February 23, 2021

Chairman Robert Olson Senate Commerce Committee Kansas State Capitol 10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, Room 546S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: SB 213 Oral (in person) and written Testimony

Dear Chairman Olson:

My name is William D. Mize. I operate a law practice in Overland Park and I also represent Kansans for Health Freedom. I am here to speak on behalf of SB 213.

This bill originated as a means to address the concerns of Kansans who saw their employment jeopardized by their views on vaccines, primarily the Covid-19 vaccine. KSHF has fielded numerous concerns from Kansans who believe that, at any time, their employer will require a Covid-19 vaccination in order to retain their job.

These employees simply desire the freedom to make their own decision as to whether to take a vaccine based upon their assessment of the need. They are informed that the vaccination approval process normally takes up to a decade but that the process for the Covid-19 vaccine, addressing a novel virus, was done in well less than a year. They are told that a dose or two of the vaccine is required, but then they are told that a third vaccine dose is necessary to account for mutations of the virus. They are then told that they may well have to repeat the process each year to counter new virus strains. Then they are told that taking the vaccines will not necessarily stop the spread of the virus anyway. Should these employees be forced to put their jobs in jeopardy for fear of a vaccine that they view as essentially experimental and which has not been fully tested and where the manufacturers and distributors of the vaccine have absolutely no liability for any adverse reactions these employees may encounter at some point in their life?

SB 213 provides Kansas workers with the right to consider all of the information on a vaccine and make a decision that they believe is best for them and their family. This bill does not discourage anyone from taking a vaccine if that is their choice. While the bill provides an employee with a way to enforce this right we believe litigation will not be necessary once employers recognize that it frees them from responsibility for their workers' vaccination status.

I urge you to support SB 213.

Respectfully, William D. Mize Louisburg, Kansas 66053 February 23, 2021

Verbal Testimony in Support of SB 213

To the Senate Commerce Committee:

SB 213 is the employee/employer version of Value Them Both.

The employer is free to operate his/her business honoring their employees as workers rather than an owner of their bodies. Employees are not slaves. Value them both - life and a living for the business and its owner, life and a living for the employee.

With this bill, the arguments on vaccines among employees do not burden the employer. The employees decide. Period. The potential lawsuits for malfeasance, coercion, sickness, and death are avoided against the employer.

Most employers are not licensed to recommend a medical procedure, let alone require one. Even a doctor cannot require one. Many who have been bullied by doctors into vaccines have serious regrets. Employers hire to get work done, not to be vaccine bullies. Bullying, coercion, manipulation for medical mandates, including vaccinations, are not acceptable from anyone, employers or otherwise. The employee needs to have the freedom to assume his/her own risk.

If an employer or anyone forces an injection, then they must accept responsibility for all effects. They must be liable. NO COERCER SHOULD BE FREE FROM LIABILITY. EVER.

The employee should be protected by law for health privacy.

All vaccines are experimental. Vaccines are medical treatment with risk for healthy people. Other options are available for prevention/treatment that are low or no risk. But the decision should be the employee's, not the employer.

The employer/employee is protected by law with SB213 and his constitutional right to pursue life, liberty and happiness is preserved.

Insist that the opponents of this bill, who do believe in coercion, manipulation and mandates, provide you with the scientific, peer-reviewed studies which prove vaccines are safe for everyone, every time - the studies which compare vaccine outcomes to the unvaccinated. Refuse to accept arguments based on their beliefs rather than scientific studies. Please insist on seeing the bi-annual vaccine safety reports to Congress which were required in the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. These reports will indicate safety or its lack, if they can lay their hands on them.

Please inquire as to how they know that vaccines will be safe and effective for

everyone, why they think the employer has the "right" to own another person's body, how this preserves personal liberty and right to bodily autonomy, and why they think the employer or the state knows what is best for each person.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Connie Newcome, CNHP President, Kansans for Health Freedom

# Written Testimony In support of SB 213 JoAnn F, Lecompton, Ks, Douglas County, Senate District 2 February 19, 2021

Chairman Olson and Senate Committee members:

I was a microbiologist with pharmaceutical giant Merck and witnessed firsthand the ability of my company to create biased science to support sales. They also had an army of reps who made sure Merck's biased science was read more by scientists, doctors, public health officials and legislators than contradictory science.

Since leaving Merck, I learned that pharmaceutical companies have been repeatedly found guilty of fraud, conflicts of interest and hiding evidence of harm from their products – collectively contributing to millions of American deaths (Vioxx, Opioid crisis, Tamiflu, antidepressants.) So I was really troubled to learn that when it comes to vaccines, our government is giving them complete immunity from liability. This is a tragic combination! The only thing that makes it worse – is that these liability-free products supported by biased science are about to be forced upon employees (who don't want them, and may even have a personal medical history putting them at higher than average risk of adverse events) as a condition of employment. Meanwhile doctors writing vaccine medical exemptions are increasingly under fire.

Please don't allow companies to violate workers' personal right to bodily integrity. Vote yes on SB 213.

I have also become aware that a large body of published science (which was never discussed in my immunology classes, nor during my employ with Merck, and my doctor friends never learned this science during their education either) suggests that many vaccines have had tragic unintended consequences including autoimmunity and allergies. Growing science not only suggests Autoimmunity and allergies are increasing, and are linked with vaccines, no studies disprove that vaccines (intended to alter immune function) are not causing this immune dysfunction! These types of harms never get considered by public health officials who assert that vaccine benefits outweigh the risks for most people.

We grow up hearing polio vaccine prevented epidemic paralysis – and never that it unleashed a cancer causing monkey virus (SV40) on the human population. Nor do we hear that polio was *endemic* in humans for millennia *without epidemics of paralysis ever being observed – UNTIL we implemented public health interventions* (like intramuscular injections, tonsillectomies, or DDT that provoked its paralytic expression (while preventing polio exposure in babies still protected by maternal antibodies, when it did not paralyze but lead to lifelong immunity.) In 2002 the IOM reported moderate strength biological evidence suggests SV40 in polio vaccine contributes to cancer in humans. Much polio mythology is not supported by facts. A 1961 Chicago Tribune article even states: "For every case of known paralytic polio there are about a 1000 subclinical cases so mild they pass unnoticed." Evidence also suggests many cases counted as polio – were actually misdiagnosed in the mass panic -- For example FDR probably had Guillain-Barre, not polio.

I urge you to protect individual's right of informed consent to medical procedures (a fundamental human right) and to prevent a growing medical tyranny that threatens to use biased science and corrupt industry interests to deprive citizens of employment simply for refusing to do something they consider harmful to their personal health. California, which has the most egregious vaccine mandates is experiencing a hemorrhage of residents right now. Let's show everyone that Kansas is the place to come to avoid medical tyranny.





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#### Mechanism of Injury-Provoked Poliomyelitis

Matthias Gromeier and Eckard Wimmer

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#### ABSTRACT

Skeletal muscle injury is known to predispose its sufferers to neurological complications of concurrent poliovirus infections. This phenomenon, labeled "provocation poliomyelitis," continues to cause numerous cases of childhood paralysis due to the administration of unnecessary injections to children in areas where poliovirus is endemic. Recently, it has been reported that intramuscular injections may also increase the

# The truth about the polio vaccines



## Science



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During the summer of 1951, a medical mystery in the USA erupted into a crisis, stimulating professional debate and public anxiety. The issue was polio provocation, a health risk facing unvaccinated children in polio endemic regions. Leading specialists were at a loss to explain the condition. As the poliovirus was widespread before the discovery of an effective vaccine in 1955, evidence that some paediatric injections could incite polio infection and paralysis led to extraordinary shifts in health policy and calculated efforts to mitigate the risk. At the core of

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February 24, 2021

Via Email Only Sen. Robert Olson Capitol Building 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Room 236E Topeka, KS 66612

RE: SB 213

Dear Senator Olson

I write in advance of live oral testimony to be provided February 25, 2021 in support of SB 213.

As an entrepreneur, small business owner, consultant, advisor, educator and attorney I am connected and involved on a daily basis with matters impacting today's employers. As a former city attorney I am aware of the responsibilities and challenges of government and the conscientious actions of lawmakers.

The economic engine of the state of Kansas is its business community. This engine has been crippled and nearly run out of fuel. With this start to the 2021 legislative session it is important for that community to have an ally in Topeka. It is equally important for the legislature to assert its place in state government after a most challenging 2020 summer and autumn. Passage of SB 213 from the Commerce Committee and escalation of this matter to the entire Senate is an important and needed step which can move these common interests forward in a constructive manner.

SB 213 provides assistance and certainty for the Kansas workforce. It eliminates fear of retribution, discrimination and oppression by not only certain politically motivated health advocates but also pharmaceutical interests and overzealous or fearful local government officials. It will protect them from unnecessary regulation and overreaching into their place of employment. It will allow them the respect and dignity to maintain sovereignty over their persons and reinforce their state and federal constitutional rights.

SB 213 may be asserted by some to penalize employers and impose additional regulation. In fact it will work to free the Kansas business from unnecessary entanglements into the lives of their employees by placing a backstop behind the business - allowing them to fall back upon the protection this bill will provide. Giving the employers the security of having a 'hands off' approach to the personal private concerns of their employees will allow

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them to focus on regaining lost ground in their business, using their most valuable time and resources to do what they do best- which is create, serve, lead and carry the state's economy. This bill will serve to place a bright line between the vaccine issues now filling the air space and allow mutual respect between employer and employee to once again flourish. Today's employers are burdened like never before by confusing suggestions and changing local circumstances which some follow as law while others receive counsel to be able to better discern the relative application or inapplicability to them. Responsible business owners seek legal counsel for advice in these areas. This adds costs to the process, product and service. Businesses should be able to operate without having to follow a bouncing ball of vague suggestions let alone penalties and sanctions related to monitoring health concerns of their employees where real harm is a possibility and for which immunity has been built into the current system. No employer wishes to be told to impose rules on employees which can cause harm and possibly death.

By passing SB 213 you will send a message to employers that vaccines are off limits for consideration in workplace rules, regulations, and will not be allowed to interfere with the work conditions and opportunities of the employee. You will eliminate a burden to employers for creating new procedures, new rules, conflicts with employees, legal challenges and more. Empowered people are happy people. They are more productive, responsible and effective. Cohesive teams of management and labor will return Kansas to a fully functioning state and restore its economy.

OSHA, ADA, EEOC and state anti-discrimination laws are founded on principles of protection for employees from harmful or exploitative practices. SB 213 would coincide with those established protections by providing the employer with comfort and guidance on areas it need not be concerned about in the climb back to prosperity. Independent people need not look to their employers for medical advice. The employer is neither equipped nor usually interested in taking on such a job. Let's free our workplaces from oppression.

Kansas employers are entitled to some certainty. As the upper house it is proper for the Senate to receive and pass SB 213 for the benefit of the state's economy, its businesses and population. Please help the employers stay out of the business of policing employee participation in market research for experimental drugs. Give them that backstop - that reason to focus on what they do best while showing respect for both Kansas businesses and its valuable workforce.

Best Regards,

Michelle M. Suter

MMS/

February 23, 2021

RE: Written testimony in support of SB 213

Andrea Mukhija Lenexa, KS Johnson County Senate District 21

Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee -

I am a former accountant, currently run two small businesses with my husband, and am the Director of Operations and Development for Kansans for Health Freedom. I am strongly in support of SB 213.

Kansans for Health Freedom is a grassroots nonprofit organization that exists to represent and protect millions of Kansans who are concerned about the right to make their own healthcare decisions. KSHF has been flooded as of late with Kansans seeking our advice on how to handle employers who are requiring them to receive a vaccine. While many are justly concerned about the COVID vaccine, just as many are being harmed by the flu, hepatitis, tuberculosis, or other employer-mandated injections.

These Kansans are coming to us distraught, desperate, and scared. Many of them are healthcare professionals, business owners, or childcare workers. Others are the sole breadwinners of their household. Many are already vaccine-injured or have experienced vaccine injury or death in their family.

What may be most concerning of all: we reached out to hundreds of these individuals asking if they would share oral testimony with you on SB 213. I hope you are as stunned as I was to hear that *every single one of them declined to testify for fear of backlash from their employer.* As committed representatives in our great state's Senate Commerce Committee, that likely concerns and breaks your heart as much as it did mine!

The reality that Kansans do not feel comfortable testifying in front of their own representatives for fear of retaliation from their employer is *proof alone that we have a very real problem that needs remedied by this bill.* Thankfully, some of these Kansans <u>did</u> submit written testimony, which I beseech you to read. (Some dishearteningly still felt the need to remain anonymous, even in their written testimonies).

In case you feel those fears are unfounded, let me alert you to the story of a business owner who spoke at a vaccine-related hearing last year and was targeted so badly that he was forced to move his business out of Kansas and over the state line to Missouri. That business owner also just so happens to be my personal doctor. And alarmingly, the majority of that attack came from someone in your shoes – a fellow legislator.

It is important to also note that people and businesses are currently flooding out of California, New York, and Oregon in direct response to their vaccine legislation. Unfortunately, I have also heard from several Kansans who are already leaving our great state and making moves to South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, or Florida, which are passing the most legislation protecting vaccine choice. Once again, as the Senate Commerce Committee, I would expect that the loss of businesses and taxpaying citizens should be of GREAT interest and concern to you.

To provide you one final data point, there are now at least 10 states who have proposed legislation nearly identical to SB 213, including Missouri. Some of those bills have already advanced.

## I hope I have demonstrated the immense need for SB 213.

Vaccine manufacturers and the healthcare workers who administer them are already exempt from legal and financial liability for vaccine injury and death. If you do not vote to protect Kansas workers from vaccine-related discrimination, bullying, and coercion by their employers, they will be left defenseless.

Many WILL lose their jobs. Some already have. Many WILL move out of our state. Again, some already are. Many others who cannot afford to quit, be fired, or move, WILL be injured by the vaccine they are coerced into taking by their employer. Once again, you will see from the written testimonies that many already have been.

I do not think that I am overstating anything to proclaim that you will be the heroes of millions of Kansans - democrats and republicans alike - if you pass SB 213. Please remember us, put SB 213 to a vote, and pass this much-needed protective legislation without amendment.

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

Most sincerely,

Judie Much

Andrea Mukhija Director of Operations and Development Kansans for Health Freedom www.kshf.org | 316.992.7514 | contact@kshf.org

Date 2/22/2021 In Support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing due to concern of my employer mandating vaccinations, particularly the COVID 19 vaccination. We've been informed that upper management is discussing mandating the COVID 19 vaccination as a future requirement for work travel and potentially for working in the office. I do not believe that it is my employer's business to determine what I must do for my health in order to be allowed to work or travel for work. My health is my business, not theirs. Many of us have concerns about the safety of the vaccination. No one should be forced to decide between a vaccine and being able to keep their job. That is not freedom and is a form of discrimination.

Thank you for serving the people of Kansas and working to keep our freedoms intact. My freedom to make my own health choices is very important to me. Please uphold our right to that freedom.

Best regards, Adeline D. Miami County, Ks District 37 In favor of SB 213

February 20, 2021

Amy Hall Lenexa, Johnson County, KS Senate District 21

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am in favor of SB213 because #1 - I have a vaccine injured child. #2 - I am a stay-at-home parent who relies solely on my husband's employment for income, if something injured him it would be dire for our family, and even the vaccine manufacturer says he should not get the vaccine because he has had a severe reaction to a drug. #3 - I have had an allergic reaction to the drug, so per the manufacturer, I should not get the vaccine. #4 - I already had covid19.

These are my personal reasons for why I believe the vaccine should not be required by an employer. But the broader issue is this: nearly everyone HAS to work, has to have income of some sort coming in. It's not a choice. If that employer then requires a vaccine, it takes away the employee's right informed consent of a medical procedure. Because what kind of choice is "starve/starve your family or get a drug your body may react to"?

Thank you, Amy Hall February 21, 2021

In support of SB213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

Hi, my name is Amy Kelly, CEO of Trinity United, LLC. I have over 200 Nurses, CNAs and Medaids on my team and I am in support of SB 213. I will not force my staff to get vaccinated and don't believe In making it mandatory for them to get tested numerous times a week either. I have one facility that makes them get tested over five times per week. It is ridiculous. I have had nurses take the vaccine and test positive for COVID right after. More nurses on my team have gotten sick from the COVID vaccine than from actually getting COVID. I do not agree with it and will not make it mandatory for them to take it. Some residents that we work with have died from the vaccine. It is not right that they aren't giving people a choice. I am against it. I stand for life, not fear.

Amy Kelly, CEO Trinity United, LLC dba Trinity Nursing Staff

I can do All things through Christ who gives me Strength!!

February 22, 2021 In support of SB213

### To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you please support SB 213. As a self employed individual, I do not have to worry about an employer dictating what to do with my health. However, my boyfriend is concerned about being forced to take an injectable medication to keep his job. He is not anti, or pro vaccination. He just feels that it should be his choice on what he does and does not inject into his body, and he feels that everybody should also have that option.

He feels that it should be his own choice on how he handles his own health, and not his employers. If he is one of the many individuals that have suffered serious health problems following the Corona Virus vaccine, his employer will not be paying for his medical bills, nor for the time off it may take for him to recover. I am writing on behalf of him, and other citizens of Kansas who should also have the choice. He has already told his employer that if they require it, then he will quit.

My daughter just turned old enough to get her first job. She has a medical exemption and should be exempted from this. However, I worry about future requirements for her to work. Vaccines are not a one size fits all. Some people suffer serious health issues such as she did. It should remain a choice. I ask you to please support vaccine choice. Thank you for your time.

Andrea M.

February, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

#### In Support of SB 213

Angela B. Paola, Miami County, KS, Senate District 37

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an administrative associate at a pharmaceutical research company in Lenexa and am in support of SB 213.

As a mother/parent of 3 children that will not be vaccinated due our religious beliefs, it is my fear that one day my husband and/or I will not be able to financially support our family if our employers require the vaccination. Our health insurance is through my employer and our daughters both require medical attention often. The eldest is type 1 diabetic and the baby born with a congenital heart defect had open heart surgery at 7 days old. For our religious beliefs, for our God, and for the future safety of our children, vaccination is not an option. Health freedom for ourselves and our families should never be diminished.

Thank you all for your hard work to protect our freedoms.

Sincerely, Angela B.

## Dear Chairman Olson & Senate Commerce Committee Members 2/17/21

I am a Kansas resident and have vaccine injury in my family. I am in support of SB213. I am concerned that Kansas employers will begin discriminating against people who do not get certain vaccines. **People should not be coerced into getting any kind of medical treatment against their will.** 

The mRNA Covid 19 vaccines have not Completed the phase 3 safety trials yet. There is a very real possibility that these vaccines may actually lead to Antibody Dependent Enhancement, (ADE) would be worse Covid symptoms leading to severe illness and/or death, once the vaccinated people encounter the real virus. The FDA committee members discussed that before granting the vaccines the **Emergency Use Authorization** (EUA) and said they would monitor the public closely for reactions like that. ADE is one reason of many that I feel Covid 19 Vaccine mandates should be OUTLAWED. These covid vaccines DO NOT have full FDA approval, but only EUA because the long term phase 3 studies are not finished yet. The phase 3 studies are slated to last 2 years. So do these vaccines lead to a hyped up autoimmune reaction later when people get exposed to the Corona Viruses in the real world? NO ONE KNOWS YET! All vaccines have the potential for serious side effects. Where there is risk the choice should be the individual's, not their employer's, as the employer does not pay for their worker's daily life, and will not pay the cost of any vaccine injury an employee may be left to live with forever.

## Should employers be able to mandate vaccines that are not finished with Phase 3 trials and threaten to fire you if you don't comply? No, not in the Land of the Free, and not in Kansas.

Please support bill 213.

Sincerely,

ANGELA SALLMAN

Clifton, KS 66937

# In Support of SB 213

February 22, 2021

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am employed at a grocery store in Salina and have experienced and witnessed quite a bit of discrimination at my workplace due to medical conditions protected by privacy laws. I am very concerned about my neighbors and their health and do everything I can to live a healthy lifestyle to keep them healthy as well. Unfortunately, due to a medical condition, I have guite severe side effects with even just a few hours of mask wearing. My husband does not have such side effects and both of us agree that a one size fits all approach to a pandemic can put some people such as myself and others at risk for other health issues. My employer refused to even honor my medical mask exemption given by my MD. We came to a face shield compromise for now, but I wonder what could happen should they try to require a vaccination. Coercion, bribery (which they are currently offering us \$100 to get the vaccine), and threats/blackmail have no place in a good and loving medical system founded on informed consent. I have had to go to the emergency room after a vaccine reaction in a very anxiety-ridden turn of events. I believe in freedom and that separate access to employment or shopping situations is not equal. I am concerned that the slippery slope of the current pandemic situation has created in-roads to discrimination of those who are not good candidates for vaccination because the risks could outweigh the benefits. I am one such candidate and represent many others in this minority group. I hope my vaccine-injured child can one day know, like I do, what it is like to have opportunity regardless of vaccination status. Please support SB 213 to protect the people of Kansas' right to life and work without medical discrimination.

Anna M. Salina, Kansas Saline County KS Senate District 24 2/21/2021

In Support of SB 213

Ashley Breese Topeka, KS Shawnee County District 18

Chairman O'Shea and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I am a Medical Assistant and employee of a clinic in Topeka and am in support of SB 213. I am concerned that in the near future just as I am forced every year to get the Flu shot to be employed that my employer will make it mandatory for me to get the Covid-19 shot and if I don't, I will lose my job. I worry every year when I have to get the flu shot that I will end up like my father who suffers from Guillain-Barre Syndrome that he incurred after receiving the flu shot. I worry more about the COVID-19 vaccine simply because the vaccine company cannot be held responsible if someone is injured by it. I ask you to please take into consideration the voices of healthcare workers that still believe in health freedom and that each person has a choice to choose what we allow into our bodies.

Thank you for your time

Ashley Breese

February 23, 2021

RE: In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee -

I want to urge you to support SB 213. I strongly believe that we need to maintain our right to privacy when it comes to medical procedures, and that we should have the right to choose what we do and don't do with our bodies. With every medical procedure there is a risk and an employer shouldn't be involved in that decision.

My husband's ability to provide for our family should not be threatened by him being forced to take a vaccine.

I'm currently not employed, as I stay at home with our children, but that doesn't mean that I won't want to return to the workforce again one day. I also want to be able to know that my ability to earn a living won't be restricted based on my willingness to take a possibly life-altering shot. I know it can alter people's lives negatively because I have friends and family members who have suffered injuries, and my own health is in such a position that it could most likely be harmed by a vaccine.

Please, in a time when we are continually seeing our liberties being stripped away, don't let this be another thing that will erode away our individual liberties.

Please support SB 213.

Sincerely,

Becca Sowers

Colby, KS Thomas County, District 40 Date 2/21/2021

In Support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing regarding my employer mandating vaccinations, especially the COVID 19 one. My employer has sent out an email strongly suggesting employees take the vaccination. In fact, they are requesting that if we receive the COVID 19 vaccination from our primary care physician that we let our Human Resource Department know. I am concerned that we are heading in a direction for tracking employees to see who in our organization has received the vaccination. I can see policy being written to discriminate against those who chose not to receive the COVID 19 vaccination. I ask that you support SB213. To mandate a vaccine for a virus that has over a 95% recovery rate does not make sense. I believe that we (the public) should be able to decide for ourselves if we want a vaccine or not. The COVID vaccine has not been through enough testing by either manufacturer to totally understand their side effects. With that being said, I do not believe that the government nor my employer should be able to make me take a vaccine to keep my job. In addition to the lack of testing I do not believe that the government nor my employer should be able to require me to take any medication/vaccine. We live in a free state that is part of a free country. I do not think that we are free if we can not make our own decisions on our health care. We should be free to make our own decisions when it comes to this issue. We are in a sad place now that a bill must be passed to keep us free from intrusion from the state and our employers.

I want to thank you all for all that you do to ensure that our state remains a health freedom state. It means a lot to me that we can make our own decisions when it comes to our health. Please protect this freedom.

Sincerely, Brian D. Miami County, KS District 37 In Support of SB 213 February 22, 2021 Bryan John Luedeke Augusta KS Butler County Senate District 16

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

I am an engineer employed by Textron Aviation in Wichita, KS and am in support of SB 213. I have been employed by Textron Aviation non-stop for over 20 years. I was born and raised in Minnesota and moved to Kansas after graduating from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. The reason for the move was a job offer from Textron Aviation (Cessna at the time). I have chosen to "settle down" in the Wichita area and raise my family.

With the onset of Covid-19, it's an understatement to say that things have turned upside down in many people's lives. Thankfully, I have maintained my employment with Textron Aviation and intend to do so, but there is one concern on my mind that may shatter that goal:

What if my employer requires me to become vaccinated in order to maintain my employment status?

You see, I have concerns with the Covid-19 vaccine, both ethically based upon where many of the vaccines have been derived and physically based upon unknown long-term effects. I do believe that these are legitimate concerns, enough to make me say the risks for me, as I understand them, do not outweigh the benefits. You see, I, and my family, all experienced Covid-19 symptoms. In fact, both my parents in their early 70's and my 97-year-old grandmother (all of Wisconsin) experienced Covid-19 symptoms. Yes, unfortunately, there are those that have been tragically affected and may have a different opinion. The important part is that both opinions need to be able to make a decision on whether to vaccinate or not based upon their beliefs and perceived risks. This should not be a decision made by an employer. To that end, I support SB 213 and I encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time,

Bryan Luedeke

02/23/2021

Carmen Valverde PO Box 902 Dodge City, KS 67801 Senate District 38

#### IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an independent doula, childbirth educator, and interpreter serving Southwestern Kansas. I am concerned about our loss of health freedom. Every individual has different needs and reactions to medical interventions. It is not the place of an employer or government to make that determination for that individual. Any medical intervention should be made by considering the individual's health history and possible risks and benefits. As individuals, we have the right to choose what goes in or on our body. If we don't have that choice....then are we really free? Or are we owned by someone else?

In the past I have been discriminated against based on my religious beliefs related to vaccinations. I was turned away from nursing school because I was not willing to receive the "required" vaccinations. They did allow a medical exemption but it is very difficult to get one signed by a doctor, especially if you don't have severe immediate reactions after it is administered.

Please support SB 213! Our children's future depends on it. Vaccinations and other medical interventions have not been tested appropriately and can be devastating to the population's health long term. Many of the common neurological and autoimmune diseases that we are seeing on the rise can be traced back to the ingredients of these vaccines.

LET FREEDOM RING!

Carmen Valverde

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#### Date: February 21, 2021

To: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

From: Cathleen J Kelly, OTR/L Dighton, KS Lane County District 33

I am a graduate of the University of KS in the School of Occupational Therapy. I am in independent practice, licensed to practice in KS, NE, CO, and Arizona. I work with employers in ergonomics as well as workplace injuries and accidents. As part of that job, I bring health and fitness to the workplace. Alternative health is part of my business and I refer to providers all over the USA. I have checked with 5 different providers of alternative health and none of them are taking the vaccine and fully recommend against experimental vaccines.

I am in full support of SB213 for the following reasons:

- 1. All the vaccines are EXPERITMENTAL, NO SUFFICIENT TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
- 2. mRNA, or messenger RNA, is a GENETIC material that contains instructions for making proteins. mRNA vaccines for COVID-19 contain synthetic mRNA. Once inside the body, the mRNA enters a human cell and instructs the cell to produce the "spike" protein found on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Now, we ALL know that viruses mutate. So simply stated I do NOT want a synthetic "anything" breaking into my cells that are normal. Or, normal for me. This changes the DNA of a person. And personally, there are physicians on both sides that argue for and against the vaccines. Alternative health providers however are for the most part against.
- 3. Private businesses operating within the jurisdiction have no legal authority to require or mandate any medication or experimental medication for any person. We all took our vaccines for measles, mumps etc. so I am not opposed to vaccines. This Covid mess can be directly linked back to Pharma.
- 4. Merck Pharmaceutical Company: They discontinued their efforts at a vaccine and decided to focus on two therapeutics: MK-7110 which is fusion protein that modulates the inflammatory response to SARS-CoV-2. MK-4482 an antiviral agent. This is where I think pharmaceutical companies should be.
- 5. Who has the patents on these vaccines? Mr. Fauci and Bill Gates Foundation have too many links to the whole problem. And look no further than Washington DC. CEO of Pfizer, Albert Bourla sold \$5.6 million worth of stock in the pharmaceutical company the date it announced that their experimental coronavirus vaccine candidate was found to be more than 90% effective.

In summary, I am happy that I live in a county that has more cows than people BUT, this whole vaccine business, lockdowns, masks is UN-AMERICAN. It was perpetrated on our country for political reasons. Offer the vaccine if you must, but it should NEVER be mandatory. People should have choices. Discrimination against an employee even in a right to work state, will not hold up with experimental vaccines in a court of law. IE, a synthetic one, very very important detail not to overlook.

Thank you for review of this letter and again I fully support SB 213.

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I'm writing this day of February 22, 2021

I am IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

As a Registered Nurse of a hospital in Topeka, I am in support of SB 213. I am in full support of other vaccinations and have fully vaccinated my children. Those vaccinations were tested and proven safe and I believe had great benefit. After doing lengthy research on this trial drug that has not been proven safe or effective, our family will not be choosing to get it. I believe that this is a right we have. Forcing employees to take a trial drug that they don't find safe is discrimination and cannot be allowed. We have a right to work and make money to support our families without being forced to have something administered that isn't necessary for us. The trial drug is not proven to stop transmission of the virus and has higher consequence percentages than the virus itself for 99% of humans. My family has no risk factors and have a 99.7% chance of surviving the covid virus. By being forced to take the trial drug, you are actually decreasing our chance of survival which should be considered a crime. Please pass bill SB 213 for the sake of the freedoms our nation has fought so hard for. Thank you so much.

Cathryn Congdon, Topeka, Shawnee, KS, Senate District 20, House district 56

February 23, 2021

Subject: Written testimony in support of SB 213

To: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

Hello,

My name is Chris Greenlee. I live in Wichita, KS and own several businesses here (including being a small business consultant for about a dozen other local businesses). It is my understanding that this bill would prohibit employers from punishing employees for choosing not to be vaccinated. Freedom to make our own health choices is something that every person deserves - especially against new and unproven treatments. I have looked up the original data on every vaccine trial I could find before 2011 and the results are not near as good as most people assume. Please stand up for my rights and your own against others choosing what goes into our bodies.

Thank you,

Chris Greenlee Wichita, KS February 21, 2021

Chariman Robert Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

Re: Support of SB 213

Dear Members,

I am an employee of a law firm that has mentioned establishing a vaccine policy, and I ask for your full support of SB 213.

We live in what is supposed to be a FREE country. In a free country, we make our own health choices and therefore, bear whatever consequences those choices and decisions bring. I have done the due diligence on the safety of vaccines, including the Covid-19 experimental vaccines that are being banned in other countries but shoved on Americans without full safety protocols and testing of long-term effects. Historically, all other vaccines are tested for AT LEAST 5 years, and even then, they have caused thousands upon thousands of chronic, serious health problems and deaths, cases of which are settled out of the public eye in vaccine court where the vaccine companies are fully protected from liability for damages and deaths caused by their vaccines.

Following is a list of some of the <u>toxic ingredients found in vaccines</u>: formaldehyde, betapropriolactone, aluminum hydroxide, thimerosal (mercury), polysorbate 80 & 20, fetal bovine serum (harvested from cow fetuses), aborted human fetal cells, monkey kidney cells, acetone, and pig DNA. <u>The adverse effects of these ingredients include, but are not limited to</u>, cancer, liver and kidney damage, birth defects, neurological disorders, brain inflammation, autoimmune diseases, autism, and cellular degeneration and death.

What's next in this state/country if we are <u>discriminated against and our jobs threatened</u> because we don't subject ourselves to accepting these or any other toxic and potentially lethal ingredients into our bodies, especially when the risk of the effects of the vaccine many times prove to be higher than the risk of contracting the disease/illness itself? Since when do our personal health decisions get made for us simply because a politician or agency declares that our state is in an "emergency" situation or claims to know what's best for our health? THIS IS WRONG.

Obviously the urgency of prohibiting vaccine discrimination is in response to some employers already enforcing Covid-19 vaccine mandates. Already thousands of people in the US have suffered serious adverse reactions to this vaccine, and according to VAERS, 120 deaths have been reported, in addition to people losing their jobs for refusing the vaccine and being forced to put their financial status in great jeopardy. If vaccines work, then those who CHOOSE to take them should be protected according to their beliefs. The beliefs of those who CHOOSE NOT to take the vaccine are equally important and should be legally treated as such.

Please prohibit employers from making employment decisions based on a person's vaccine status or decision not to receive a vaccine. Thank you.

Cindy B. Johnson County, Lenexa, KS – Senate District 21 February 24, 2021

### IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

#### CHAIRMAN OLSON AND SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

As a previous employer, I am in support of SB 213. This bill prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on their vaccination status.

Kansas employees should be protected from all on-the-job discrimination—to include their personal and private vaccination medical history.

Employees should never be pressured, coerced, or forced to undergo any type of medical procedure in order to be hired, promoted, or keep their jobs.

Employer liability is a serious concern. Who will be responsible for employees' lost earnings (due to the potential of adverse vaccine reactions) by employer-mandated medical interventions? Who will be responsible for doctor and hospital expenses in the event of injuries or negative outcomes?

Please support SB 213 which protects both Kansas employees and employers.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bauer Hays, KS Ellis County District 40 In support of SB 213 on 2/23/21

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee members,

I am writing to you in support of SB 213.

Most vaccines (including all new covid ones) go against my and my husband's religious beliefs. My husband, who works in manufacturing, has been harassed at his work over his medical exemption to masks. We are therefore very fearful that he will be fired when he refuses the vaccine.

No one should be afraid to live out their beliefs and make the choices that are best for their family. No business should have the right to fire an employee because they make a different choice than the business.

I urge you to support SB 213.

Thank you for your time, Claudia Oehmler 2/23/21

Lacygne Linn County Kansas Senate District 12

### SB213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

As an employee in the state of Kansas, I am concerned about my employer mandating the Covid-19 vaccine. I am happy for anyone who wants the vaccine to get it, but as a 19 year old, I want to make the decisions that are right for me, not forced upon me to satisfy employer demands. For this reason, I think this bill is essential for protecting myself and many others like me who simply have reservations about an injection that has not had the opportunity for its long-term effects to be documented.

Because of the many freedoms that I have seen stripped away from Americans this past year, I am hyper-aware that a mandated vaccine is very possible as more doses are made available. I urge you to stand on the side of freedom and let Kansans make their own choice of what they put into their body, without having to worry about repercussions in their working life.

Sincerely,

Connor McDonald 2/23/21

February 20, 2021

Re: In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Courtney Lee and I am a Medical Laboratory Scientist at one of the major hospitals in Wichita Kansas and I am writing in support of SB 213. As of now, vaccination against Covid for example, is not required at my place of employment, but what about in the near future when this could possibly be mandated? What party is going to be responsible if I have a serious adverse reaction to this particular vaccine because I wanted to keep my job? The hospital I work at? Because as of right now, any vaccine manufacturer is exempt from any liability due to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. If I decline to have any type of Covid vaccine, would my employer be able to fire me because of my decision? Receiving a vaccine is considered a medical procedure and should not be mandated on any person. Kansans need to have protections in place to keep employers from discriminating against them due to vaccine status or history. All of my above valid questions would be so easily solved by supporting SB 213 and employers would not be able to discriminate based on vaccine status or history and thus not be able to force employees into any unwanted medical procedures in order to keep a job.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lee (ASCP)<sup>cm</sup> Park City, Sedgwick County, Kansas KS House District 91 KS Senate District 31 February 24, 2021

Crystin D. Goodland, KS Sherman County KS Senate District 40

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a medical professional, concerned mother and wife in support of SB 213. I am in support of this bill for many reasons. I will discuss my top three in this letter in efforts to keep it short.

Firstly, it strips the individual of body integrity. It should always be an individuals choice what goes into their body. Employers should not have any form of control over their employees bodies and should not be able to discriminate against hiring an unvaccinated individual solely for that reason. Especially if the individual is capable and competent to do the job they are being hired for.

Secondly, a family man/woman should not have to choose to go against their morals and personal research to be able to provide what their family needs to survive. As an individual and mother I am very concerned about the Covid vaccine and the lack of studies on its longterm side effects, especially in children. As a follower of religion, I am concerned about having to chemically alter my body to work and provide for my family. Nobody should be forced into receiving any kind of vaccine (or any other treatment) or to possibly experience poverty if they are opposed to vaccines, for any reason, simply because an employer requires it if the individual is unable or unwilling to receive it. Everyones body reacts differently to medical procedures. It is for this reason that it is so important that every individual gets to choose their own healthcare, including vaccines. An employer who is not familiar with an employees medical background should not be choosing medical care for them. This can be extremely dangerous. Employers should be concerned with the employees ability to do the job for which they are applying. A vaccine does not dictate how well an individual can perform a job or their competency to do so. Vaccines should be a choice for everyone as it is their body that it is going into and body integrity is important.

And lastly, if we lose freedom of choice and the rights to our own bodies we have lost our individuality and our freedom.

I urge you to support SB 213 not only for your own sake but for the individuals you represent and all future generations to come. Everyone deserves to make their own choices for their body.

Thank you for your time.

Crystin D.

### IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

February 22, 2021

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

I am part of the management team of an Olathe, Kansas accounting and consulting firm and am in support of SB 213. We work specifically with small business owners to help them successfully manage their businesses. Many of our clients are in the Kansas City metro area and throughout the State of Kansas.

Small businesses have been under attack since COVID-19 hit, and additionally with the new federal administration. Employers and employees need each other, and most just want to provide excellent service to their customers and a positive work environment for their employees. Employers should have the freedom to bring their employment needs to the marketplace and individuals should have the freedom to bring their talents to the marketplace for the success of everyone without having to jump through certain medical hoops to qualify. With this in mind, employers should not be involved in the private health decisions of their employees, and they most certainly should not discriminate against employees (or customers) based on vaccine status or history. It will be a sad day in Kansas when we need a "vaccine" calling card for employment or to be served by a business establishment.

Thank you for you continuing hard work on behalf of the citizens of Kansas and for protecting our Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Curtis Aubrey Olathe, Kansas Johnson County, Kansas Kansas Senate District 23

## In support of SB 213

Monday, February 22, 2021

To: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members Submit to: <a href="mailto:contact@kshf.org">contact@kshf.org</a>

Name: D Graham City: Lenexa County: Johnson State: KS Senate district: 21

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a mother and full time professional, and I've lived in Johnson County since I was in elementary school. I've lived here because of how wonderful of a place it is to raise a family. I am involved with our community in many different ways, and I constantly refer others to this area as I travel around for work in Los Angeles and Boston.

I am in full support of SB 213 because of two simple reasons:

- 1. Medical Freedom: This hopefully doesn't require further detail.
- 2. Qualification: Employers are not doctors. Employers are employers. They cannot give me medical advice and much less, medical mandates. It's not within their scope. They are not qualified to do so. My personal doctor is qualified to do so. My employer is qualified on matters of my employment and matters of my employment only.

If my personal doctor encourages me to take the vaccine, I will consider it. If my personal doctor encourages me not to take the vaccine, I consider it. That's why I've chosen my personal doctor to be my personal doctor. Because this person is QUALIFIED to give me medical advice that I will consider, and then make my own decision with that consideration in mind.

This is all simple. Let's not make it difficult. Don't let the recent events persuade you to break the foundation of our country and what we stand for.

We don't need to get in the weeds – whether the vaccine is good or bad, whether everyone should take it or only people who are deemed proper candidates, etc. There is no need. That information circulating around is nothing but divisive. Medical health is personal and confidential. HIPPA has been lost on many, but not me, and not many others.

I am in full support of SB 213 and expect you to be too, as we all know NOT supporting this means we would be entering into a world of uncertainty for many, many different reasons.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

#### Signed,

D Graham (Wife, Mother of 2 babies (3 years and 9 months old), Software Implementation Consultant)

February 18, 2021 In Support of SB 213

Daniel Austin, Merriam, Johnson County, Kansas, District 1

To Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I am a vaccine-injured individual, and I implore you to support this bill. Because I was injured from vaccines at an early age, I have a mental disability that I will never be cured from. To this day, I struggle to maintain personal relationships with other people, I face irritation and ridicule from people who don't know what having a disability is like, and I also struggle with being able to pursue the lifestyle of my choice. I also face discrimination because having to comply with COVID mandates and restrictions harms me as a disabled person, and I've lost jobs that I wouldn't have lost otherwise.

If this bill is not made into a law, employers would be given more leeway to screw over employees over the medical choices they make, and more employees will suffer. If this bill is not made into a law, people who want to do the research and make an informed choice before taking the vaccine will be punished for it should they decide the vaccine is not right for them for whatever reason. There are multiple reasons a person may not take a vaccine – their immune system can't handle it or they have sincerely held beliefs against vaccines. To take away that choice is not only oppression, but it's also a violation of the first, fourth, and fourteen amendments of the Constitution, as well as the ADA and Civil Rights Act of 1964.

This bill becoming a law would really prevent people like me, who can't take a vaccine, from being limited on opportunities to pursue happiness. It would also honor our right as human beings to make our own medical choices rather than having them made for us.

Sincerely,

**Daniel Austin** 

February 21, 2021

#### IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Committee Members:

I am a husband, a father, and grandfather. I have my own independent insurance agency and have been involved in insurance for over 30 years. I believe that what makes our country unique is the right to make individual decisions based on our values and beliefs. I am in support of SB 213. Please support this bill. God bless America.

David Gene Keeling, Manhattan, Pottawatomie, KS, Senate District 1

TO: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

SUBJECT: In support of SB 213

DATE: February 20, 2021

MY NAME: David Zahorsky

MY LOCATION: Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas, Senate District 9

Hello. I am a musician and I do not want activities in my industry such as live performance, studio sessions, in person interviews, etc. to be restricted such that vaccinations can be enforced as a requirement. That includes for all people involved such as venue/ studio staff, customers, and my teammates.

It should be our individual right as Kansas citizens to decide what we put into our body and it should not be dictated as part of engaging in the the music industry in Kansas.

Thank You! David Zahorsky February 23, 2021

Chairman Robert Olson Senate Commerce Committee Kansas State Capitol 10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, Room 546S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: SB 213 Written Testimony

Dear Chairman Olson:

I ask you to enthusiastically "Bless" and support SB 213.

I feel strongly that no one should be forced to undergo medical intervention. Medical decisions must be left to an individual and their doctor based on their personal medical history and health situation.

Business owners must not be required to play doctor by mandating medical interventions or healthcare. This bill will protect them from lawsuits. It will also give employers guidance on the issue of vaccinations so that they will not be required to become involved in this controversial issue.

Employees must not be put in a position to either undergo a medical intervention or lose their job. SB 213 will enable employees to make their own medical decisions after consultation with their doctor.

Please encourage a strong business climate in Kansas by keeping Kansas a Medical Freedom State.

I urge you to support SB 213.

Respectfully, Debbie Mize Vice President/Lobbyist Kansans for Health Freedom Louisburg, Kansas 66053 February 18, 2021 Re: In support of SB213 Delinda Cendrowski Wichita, KS Sedgwick County, District 27

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I am an employee of a technology company in Wichita Kansas and support SB213.

We are in an unprecedented time allowing an unprecedented medical treatment that has not received long term safety studies. I am greatly concern that that new vaccine will be forced on me and others by our employers and government.

I ask that you vote in support of SB213 and stand strongly against any move toward removing Americans health freedom choices.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely important bill.

February 19, 2021 RE: In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Denise Jansen. I live in Olathe, KS and Johnson County. My Senate District is 23.

I would like to ask all of you to please support SB-213 this coming week. My husband and I are very concerned that if this bill isn't passed we will be required to take the Covid vaccine in order that he would be allowed to keep his job in the coming few months. We would like to share our story as to why we as a family have not chosen to take any type of vaccine since our oldest son, Jeremy, had the DPT vaccine when he was around 3 months old. The day he had the vaccine he developed a highly risky fever of 106 and going up. He was severely unable to respond and inactive for over two days. At the time, none of our doctors seemed to be able to help him and somehow they all told us it couldn't have been the vaccine. Jeremy was perfectly healthy until the time he had the vaccine. But immediately after it his fever shot up and in the following weeks and years he showed many signs of autism which we still witness happening to him even today. We can't imagine what might have happened to him had we continued to have all the vaccines given to him that are supposedly required for all children or to any of his siblings. All of our children, even though they were never vaccinated after Jeremy's horrible response to one DPT vaccine, have been very healthy for all of their childhood and adult lives. Please vote in favor of HB-213 and help all of we Kansas citizens be protected from severe medical problems such as what I described to you with our son Jeremy because of unneeded and unnecessary vaccines that should never be forced upon any free citizen of our state or our country.

Thank you so much for having a voice for your people and our state. We appreciate all you do in our interest and for our benefit!

Sincerely, Denise Jansen Derek M. Glover Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kansas, Senate District 25 September 22, 2021 In support of SB 213

#### Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an employer of a manufacturing firm in Wichita and am writing to express my support for SB213.

I do not believe an employer should require ANY medical procedures for employment, nor do they have any right or say in what happens to my body. Those decisions are to be left between myself and my doctor. That is why I support SB213 and I urge the committee members to do the same.

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Derek Glover

#### 2/22/2021

Desiree Pinder, Precinct Person 1407 Kansas City, Ks Wyandotte County Senate District 4 In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an employee of a hospital in Kansas City and am in support of SB 213. I have also experienced a vaccine related infant death in my family and am in support of SB 213.

I am forced to get a mandatory flu vaccine every year by my employer. If I refuse the vaccination, I will not have a job. Not because they have fired me, but based on wording in the company policy, if I refuse the vaccine then they have considered me to have voluntarily resigned. Based on how they have worded their policy, if I refuse a flu vaccine, I don't have a job and have no legal recourse. NO employer should be able to tell me what to put into my body at all, let alone by way of threat to my livelihood.

I am aware that Kansas has medical and religious exemptions. NO employer should force a person to expose their religious beliefs if they want to refuse having questionable substances injected into their body. I have looked into the medical exemption provided by my employer since I have experienced side effects from flu vaccinations. You have to have had a sever enough reaction to be sent to an emergency room or have experienced cardiac arrest. In other words, you have to have almost DIED to be exempted from a flu vaccination. Again, NO employer should be able to force you to inject questionable substances into your body at all, let alone when there is a risk of death.

We live in America, which I have always been taught is the land of the free. Every citizen should be free to choose what goes into their body. They shouldn't be intimidated into injecting questionable substances into their body because they need a job to pay their bills. That doesn't sound like freedom to me. I strongly encourage you to support SB 213. You can give citizens some peace of mind in a world that at times seems very uncertain. I appreciate your time and consideration.

**Desiree Pinder** 

Precinct Person, KCK, 1407

#### February 22, 2021

**In support of SB 213** prohibiting an employer from taking any adverse employment action against an employee because of the employee's vaccination status.

Dear Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

As the father of a vaccine injured child, I am vigorously against any possible mandate of any one forcing any one to get vaccine in order to keep a position or job in which they already had. As a father who watched his son at one and half years of age deteriorate before his eyes, who is now on the autistic spectrum, having spent the past six years researching what exactly is in vaccines, how they work and the lobbying and politics behind them, for any employer to force a one size fits all approach to vaccines for all employees is very dangerous.

No one should be forced out of working or attending groups and functions because of not having an immunization. By the very nature of vaccinations, those who believe immunizations provide some type of superior safety net, they should not be concerned by those who are not vaccinated, as if they are vaccinated they should be immune. Someone's fear of a particular contagious disease does not outweigh the rights of the rest of the population and their ability to decide from themselves. Those at the workplace should also have protections and not be discriminated against simply because they choose not to be vaccinated. More and more people are getting and more employers are offering the flu vaccine every year, yet the number of flu cases (until this year, for another reason) have gone up and up, there is little talk about how much it sheds as well as how effective it is against various strains of the flu and the simple question of how effective is it period.

Vaccines are not a one size fits all medical procedure, if there ever was one. There are certain genetics that are more susceptible to reactions and permanent injuries from vaccines, such as the MTHFR gene. Without genetic screening, without any other personalized approach to vaccines, it would be an absolute outrage and flat out dangerous. As the vaccination schedule put out by the CDC has now grown too approximately 80 vaccines by the time a child hits 18, it is no coincidence there is a devastating growth of conditions such as Autism, which there is no unbiased study of vaccinated and unvaccinated children and the rates of various conditions. The purpose of a vaccine is to trigger a reaction in the body's immune system, especially vaccines that are rushed have in no way, no matter how much they tell us are safe and effective could possibly have a known long-term outcome.

The current COVID vaccines have laid a very unknown and dangerous path for the future, there has not been enough time to see how these MRNA vaccines may affect the body over long periods. As it literally changes DNA in the body, how does it affect the bodies ability to fight off other virus or repair cells in the future, does it over time lead to any increased risk in cancer or other issues? The answer is no one knows, they have rushed them out in a matter of months. While they work on multiple phases of "Safety studies" concurrently, there is simply not been enough time to do an effective double-blind study to compare vaccinated vs unvaccinated.

We live in a world where you are much more likely to die in a car accident, which is an accepted risk, yet for a virus which in all intents and purposes is much like the flu, we are fed nothing but fear and conformity even though there is little logic in most precautions currently. The virus is like a marble, and masks most of us are wearing are like chain-link fences, they literally do nothing other than make those in authority look like they are doing something and those that wear them a false sense of security.

Vaccines are seemingly much in the same breath, but with toxins and DNA altering substances that with certainty won't have the same effect for everyone. Those are completely healthy should not be punished for not getting a vaccine injected into them.

No public servant, no employer, no public institution or store should have the ability to decide what is mandated to go into any one's body in order to receive any services. While the pharmaceutical and medical industries have created many good things that have helped many people, it is also important when realize that the they are the number one lobbying industry in terms of dollars spent by far, meaning they have a very vested interest as well as profits on the line for each and every vaccine they get put out to market. The National Childhood Vaccine Act in 1986 removed direct liability to vaccine manufactures, the fact any public official feels it would be okay to mandate a vaccine to all people where the manufacturer will make profits but has no incentive or reason to ensure it is not causing harm to its citizens is not only unconstitutional but also serving against the interest of their citizenry. While we are not particularly discussing children with this bill, there is very well documented instances of adults having adverse, including lethal reactions to vaccines, everyone should have the right to research, talk to any health professionals they wish and make their own informed decision. It becomes very easy to buy into vaccines as a safety blanket, but the truth is even the CDC this January had to remove "Vaccines do not cause autism" from their website, how is that not front-page smoke gun news, well we probably know why. No one should ever have the ability to tell others what they must put into their bodies in order to make a living. Insurance providers will often give companies discounts if a certain number of employees accept vaccines (eg. flu shot), this in no way can be a means for forcing someone to get a vaccine in order to do their job. Now we have vaccines rolling out to the public and many are saying the virus is mutating, those getting a vaccine now will not protect against future variants, are we going to keep forcing toxic ingredients that we don't understand the ramifications of into people? Once the flood gate is opened where does it stop?

Thank you,

Dustin Carr Lenexa, KS Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am submitting this testimony on 02/23/21 in support of SB213.

At age 8 I had a seizure, though it was undiagnosed at the time, despite copious tests including a spinal tap that haunts my mother to this day, upon my epilepsy diagnosis at 14, doctors and my family are certain that is what happened at 8. An MRI at this time revealed an unexplained brain lesion (unseen at 8) which frequently results from brain swelling. Brain swelling is a common side effect in most vaccines (as the packet insert clearly states) and often goes unnoticed for years if not forever. I will be on medication for my entire life as a result, what this will mean long term for my kidneys and liver is yet to be seen. As much as I appreciate my medications there is nothing freeing or empowering about being tied to pills, in fact quite the opposite.

My parents and many adults today had no idea that vaccines contained any risk greater than a fever, today many adults and doctors in know better and should be able to weigh the risk/reward for themselves, especially for a brand new medical product. Workplaces should never have the right to make medical choices for an individual.

Emily G Lenexa, Johnson County, KS February 19, 2021

In support of SB 213

Dear Senator,

Please support SB 213. Bodily autonomy and self-determination are the most sacred of natural rights and must be guarded fiercely.

Allowing private or public entities to discriminate by vaccine status sends the message that it's okay for corporations and government to make medical choices for individuals. It's definitely not okay to coerce people into medical procedures that could very possibly harm them for fear of losing their ability to support their families. If businesses require medical procedures for employment, they MUST assume liability for any injury caused by such procedures.

Allowing businesses to discriminate against people who choose to not to inject an untested, unproven, experimental sends the message that the human body in it's natural form is a biosecurity threat. This is a significant threat to our rights to body autonomy. Our bodies, unless undermined by a for profit industry that creates lifelong pharmaceutical dependency, have amazing innate potential for self-healing, particularly from natural diseases.

We cannot live in fear of our natural state. This covid-19 disease has significant survivability. It is NOT a guaranteed death sentence even for those with comorbidities and it is certainly not worth giving up our ability to determine what goes into or onto our bodies. There are reasonable, affordable, and effective treatments. Employers have already crossed the line in mandating that employees wear masks. Governor Kelly should have never been allowed to issue these mandates and these should be immediately revoked citing the negative impact that the mandates have had on our society and economy.

There is nothing to fear about the disease cycle and much that can be done to avoid or overcome illness. Viruses and bacteria challenge and strengthen our immune systems. People must understand their own responsibilities for their health and wellness and understand that it is not their neighbor and their vaccination status that present a threat to their wellbeing.

Policies that promote and emphasis individual sovereignty are of the utmost importance as we are ushered into an unnecessary global biosecurity paradigm that strips individuals of their autonomy and right to self-governance. Help Kansas serve as a flagship and lead the way in maintaining the sovereignty that our great nation was founded upon as well as the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. None of these will be achievable in a world that diminishes the individual's right to choose what goes into or onto their bodies.

Thank you,

Emily Spring Hill, KS 66083 Chairman Olson and Senate Committee Members,

I am writing this testimony in support of SB213. I am a resident of Shawnee County and Senate District 18, and work as a licensed pharmacist. I support this bill because believe strongly in the individual's right to informed consent and bodily autonomy and feel that employer vaccine mandates as a condition of employment are a violation of both. Employers have no business inserting themselves into medical decisions that should be made between the individual and his/her trusted healthcare provider. Requiring a vaccine as a condition of employment is no different than requiring every employee to take penicillin or some other pharmaceutical in order to retain their jobs. Both are pharmaceutical products that are not without risks, and some individuals are not able to tolerate these products. The proponents of these types of vaccine mandates will likely repeat the claim that vaccines are "safe and effective," yet one must really twist the commonly held definitions of those words for that statement to be accurate. Since there are documented severe adverse reactions to vaccines that include death in some cases, the blanket claim that it is "safe" for everyone to receive vaccines is simply false. Also, a product that is safe for everyone would not have special liability protection granted to the manufacturer under federal law preventing the manufacturers of the product from being sued for damages in civil court for injuries caused by the product. Look into the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act if you are unaware of the existence of this program. The commonly held definition of "effective" for most people is that the intervention (in this case, the vaccine) will prevent the recipient from contracting the illness. Yet a simple review of the medical literature will find scores of instances of individuals that were considered "fully-vaccinated" becoming sick with the infection that the vaccines were supposed to prevent. Since "safe and effective" cannot be considered a true statement and is actually more of a marketing phrase, a more accurate revision would be "relatively safe and mostly effective" in order to be honest about the true risks and benefits. I do not feel that "relatively safe and mostly effective" is an acceptable standard for allowing employers to mandate something in the workplace, especially if the intervention carries a risk of serious injury or death.

One quick note on the newly-developed "warp speed" mRNA vaccines currently being distributed under an emergency-use authorization from the FDA (as of today, they have NOT received full FDA approval): even the WHO and Dr. Anthony Fauci have stated that there is no evidence that these vaccines prevent transmission of the virus and only work by lessening the symptoms of Covid-19 in the vaccinated individual.<sup>1,2</sup> Therefore, there is no justification for any workplace mandate of these vaccines in order to protect the public when the only potential benefit provided by them is to the individual who receives the vaccine.

Vaccines are widely available to anyone who wishes to receive them, and I support everyone having the free-will choice to receive or not to receive any vaccination. Employers have no business inserting themselves into the medical decisions of their employees by requiring the use of these liability-free medical products as a condition of employment. I strongly support passage of SB213 so that the right of informed consent to medical risk-taking and the rights of employees to bodily autonomy can be protected. Thank you.

Erik L

Topeka

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.who.int/multi-media/details/who-daily-press-conference-on-novel-coronavirus---28-december-</u> 2020 Start at 00:58:16 point of transcript.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.newsweek.com/coronavirus-anthony-fauci-covid-vaccine-passport-mandatory-vaccinations-travel-1558303</u>

### 2-22-21

In support of SB 213

Erin S Kansas City, KS Wyandotte County Senate District 5

To Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an occupational therapist, employee of a home health agency in Kansas City, and I am a mother of a vaccine-injured child. I am in support of SB 213.

As a healthcare professional, I take great pride in my work serving my patients and assisting them to optimize their health so that they can participate fully in meaningful activities. I have had the traumatizing experience of raising a vaccine-injured child, and I have witnessed adverse vaccine reactions through my occupation. I personally have an autoimmune disorder and severe allergies, and I cannot feel safe receiving any additional vaccines. As a single mother, I do not want to live in fear of losing my job or being forced to sacrifice my health in order to continue my career and service to my community.

Please support SB 213 to prevent discrimination based on vaccine status or history.

Sincerely,

Erin S

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee, I'm in Senate District 23 02/22/21

#### "In support of SB 213"

When I think of mandatory vaccination and agreeing to a vaccination to be able to keep your job, this angers me. People should have a right to decide what to put into their body and when. This is America, not China. I don't want my daughter growing up in a state that forces her family to be vaccinated against her will, especially for vaccines that have not been proven by extensive and long clinical trials. That is tyranny. My daughter is 5 years old. She sees what's going on in the world and I have to explain it to hergovernment overreach, communism. I want my family to have a choice. During this last year, our lives have changed. Republicans that we thought would fight for our children do not fight hard enough. We are scorned and condemned. People shun us just because we don't believe in masks and being forced to wear them. Currently, masks are mandatory. Who is to say they won't go further and take away more of my family's rights? Mandatory vaccines is the next step for the Left. They are already doing it in some ways. One can not go to a concert now without proving you have had the vaccine. I'm scared for my daughter and the future my family has here. If we don't protect our families and our children now, then I am afraid more families will leave Kansas and head to freedom. I know some of you do not believe it could get worse. It will until you all stand up and fight for each family. Please fight for my family. Fight for our children. Stand up against tyranny. I've seen it get worse with masks to the point where I feel like I need to wear a Jewish star on my arm. It is close to becoming nazi Germany. When do I need a Jewish star wrapped around my arm when I refuse the vaccine? I believe some vaccines work. I do not believe in all the vaccines. People should have the right to choose what they put in their body. But forcing someone against their will is wrong. Who will stop the Democrats if you won't? Save Kansas and save our rights. Actually protect Kansas for a change. Protect our families.

Hannah M Mingucci

February 22, 2021

# In SUPPORT OF SB 213

Dear Senate Commerce Committee,

I am writing to ask that you please understand the importance of SB 213. Employers should never be able to mandate a vaccine for employment or discriminate against an employee based on their vaccination status. Vaccines are not one size fits all. Every person responds differently to a vaccine. There are many ingredients in vaccines that many people have allergies to, including food proteins not limited to egg, wheat, and peanut ingredients. There are also many chemical ingredients including polyethylene glycol and polysorbate 80 that can cause anaphylaxis reactions in many people. The population many times is unaware and not properly pre-screened before administration to know they are at risk. There are MANY RISKS associated with vaccination and this decision should always be left to the individual and their own doctor, never an employer! Especially considering vaccines such as the flu shot are as low as 10% effective on any given year and the COVID shot does not even prevent transmission or infection! So, it is absurd to require something that isn't even fulfilling the reason for the mandate, which would deceptively be to keep other employees safe when they are not in fact doing that at all. Please vote in favor of this bill.

Heidi Derby Sedgwick Co. KS In Support of SB 213

Jason C. Rose Hill, KS Butler County

Senate District 16

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a small business owner. I employee 31 service technicians in my plumbing company as well as call takers, administrative professionals, marketing directors and more. There has already been much discussion among my team about the possibility of a vaccination requirement. If it becomes a requirement, over half told me that they will most likely move in search of a location that will not require it or they would change careers. It is hard to find good employees and I am so thankful for my team. I do not want to lose any of them for this reason and I do not want to get involved in their health choices. Considering that there is not liability for the manufacturers and the distributors, I feel that businesses might find themselves legally liable if we mandate that our employees must get the vaccination. This decision should be between a doctor and patient not between an employee and boss. We recommend that our employees are adults and can make informed decisions that are best for their health. I will not as a business owner participate in requiring it. I will close my doors in retirement leaving many unemployed and leaving Wichita without a great plumbing company that has served over 175,000 clients. I strongly urge you to vote yes to protect the liberties of business owners as well as employees. Thank you.

Jason C

February 21, 2021

In support of SB213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Jeffrey Jansen. I live in Paola, KS and Miami County. My Senate District is: 12.

I would like to urge each of you to support SB-213 this week.

I work at a KC engineering firm that has followed all of the Covid-19 guidelines and like others I am confident if and when the CDC and others recommend mandating Covid vaccines, they will be the first to do so. If my employer makes the Covid vaccine or any vaccine or drug a requirement of employment, that will be the end of my career of over 13 years at this firm. At this time I have several concerns and way too little confidence in the safety of this experimental vaccine specifically.

Aside from the well known fact that this newly developed experimental vaccine does NOT inhibit virus transmission or protect individuals from contracting coronavirus, it comes with a package of potential issues. I personally have two major concerns with vaccines in general and especially the Covid vaccines.

First, vaccine industries have zero responsibility for injuries caused by the vaccines they develop and distribute. This does not mean I believe them to be completely untrustworthy and intending to harm people but it does raise some VERY alarming questions about their safety standards, especially with the "fast tracked" Covid vaccines.

Second, according to the CDC's own VAERS database which is said to only report up to one percent of adverse effects resulting from a vaccine, there have already been about 1000 deaths in two months and 16,000 adverse reactions, of which over 600 were life threatening. Why would I want to intentionally risk any of these reactions or death when I have already had Covid and recovered? I am strong and healthy, I take good care of myself, and I stand very little risk of transmitting the virus to others.

Vaccines along with any other medications should be voluntary and never allowed to be forced on all by a private employer. Thank you for supporting diversity of convictions in this issue as you fight for our liberty to choose for ourselves and our families how to stay healthy. Please stand against allowing employers to discriminate against employees based on vaccine status and vote for SB-213.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Jansen Jenifer Wood 600 S Mission Ridge Ave Colby, KS 67701 Thomas County KS House District 120 KS Senate District 40

February 18, 2021

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

Greetings! I am writing to you today stating I am in support of SB 213. I as a midwife serving western Kansas, I am self-employed and feel grateful I am not currently in the position many others are in today. Many people are in a position of possibly being forced by their employers to receive the Covid-19 vaccines, which would most likely then become protocol for future vaccines. We must take into consideration how our current decisions affect our future.

We should all have the right to choose what gets injected into our bodies, especially when it is still in a trial period. Many things throughout history were deemed safe by the medical field but years later were shown to cause life long issues, such as infertility, cancer, etc. No one should be worried about loosing their livelihood because they made an informed choice and declined the Covid-19 vaccine.

The majority of the people you represent want their freedom to choose whether or not to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. The local hospital were I live was unable to require their employees get the Covid-19 vaccine because too many of them threatened to resign. I hope you all will stand with us for our freedom. Thank you for your time.

Blessings,

Jen

February 21, 2021

Re: SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I write today to urge you to support SB 213.

I am a master's degree-holding Licensed Professional Counselor with the State of Kansas, LPC 978. I am employed by a Kansas child welfare agency. I support this bill fully because I believe both that employees should have the right to their medical privacy, and employers should have the right and duty to be uninvolved in tracking, recommending, or requiring medical procedures of their employees.

Thankfully, I have never been required to get a vaccine to maintain employment. I have, however, been required to report my vaccine status, which I believe to be a blatant violation to my right to medical privacy. Whether or not you or I personally believe that vaccines are beneficial, employers do not belong in the midst of my personal decision to obtain or decline a medical procedure that carries the risk of injury or death.

There ARE injuries and deaths from vaccines; it would be irresponsible and ignorant to assert otherwise. Currently, these injuries and deaths are compensated through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP), because vaccine manufactures have immunity from liability, with the total payout through NVICP as of February 1, 2021 being \$Xxx xXxX. This program is a no-fault alternative for resolving vaccine injury petitions.

When employers require an employee to obtain a vaccine to maintain employment or to maintain the full scope of their current position, and the employee is injured or dies from the vaccine, in my humble opinion, this is no longer a no-fault situation. When an employee has to make the choice to get a vaccine or lose their job, and is injured, there is now a responsible party (the employer), because the vaccine was obtained through coercion, and not chosen freely. If you do not support this bill, will you support a bill that places liability on employers who require vaccines?

As of this date, the COVID-19 vaccine has not been added to the list of covered vaccines under NVICP. As of 2/12/21, With regards to the COVID-19 vaccines, the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) reports 929 deaths and 7,899 adverse events, including anaphylaxis, bell's palsy, hospitalizations, urgent care, and office visits. Where will employees required to get this vaccine by their employer who become injured, be compensated for their medical bills, hospitalizations, and lost wages?

I respectfully urge you to take a courageous stand for both employees and employers in Kansas by supporting SB 213.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Goates, MS LPC Topeka, Kansas Shawnee County Senate District 18 February 24, 2021

In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a mother of four children and a wife of a farmer and rancher. I strongly support SB 213. I believe it is very important that employees in Kansas should not feel the threat of losing their job or not being able to serve their community and state based upon their health choices in regards to vaccines. By supporting SB 213, you will be standing side by side with Kansas citizens who don't want their employers discriminating based on vaccine status or history. Vaccine decisions should be an individual's choice and employers should not have the power to make a person choose between risks associated with a medical procedure and supporting their families in the job they love. Protect Kansan's freedom of health choice and support SB 213.

Sincerely,

Jerri Beesley Healy, Gove, KS Senate District 40 February 22, 2021

In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Jessica Pecina. I reside in Overland Park, KS, Johnson County, Senate district 8. I am a small business owner and homeschooling parent, and I am in support of SB 213. I write to you today for the future I want for my children - a future in which they have the right to choose what goes into their body, without discrimination or pressure from an employer. Each and every individual should have the right to make this choice. There are many instances where vaccination is contraindicated due to a health condition (genetic, autoimmune conditions, neuroinflammation, allergies, etc.) or a person may object due to religious and/or conscientious reasons. Whatever the reason, employers should respect the personal health decisions of their employees. Please consider SB 213 for the future freedoms of all employees.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jessica Pecina - Director/COO, Guardian Merchant Services

February 22, 2021 IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

Jill Esping Lindsborg, KS McPherson County Senate District 35

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

My family owns a small business in McPherson County, and we are in support of SB 213. We are concerned about the unknown, long term effects of this experimental mRNA injection for COVID-19. We do not feel any employer has the right to force any employee to accept or refuse this treatment; nor base hiring, firing, or other disciplinary actions in regard to employees based on their constitutional right to direct their own healthcare.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of passing SB213 to ensure our individual rights as Americans and Kansans

Sincerely,

Jill E

February 22, 2021

In support of SB 213

Senate Commerce Committee Members-

I am in district 108 in Kansas. I am writing in support of this bill. I feel it is vital that employers do not require employees to be vaccinated in order to keep their jobs. It is a right as an american to make this choice for ourselves and I do not believe it is right that this is taken from individuals. Please support this bill for all Kansans!

Thank you-

JL

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I support SB 213. I am a child therapist living in Wichita, Kansas District 30 and need to keep medical choices for myself. My employer has and should have nothing to do with my decisions made between my doctor and myself. No employer without medical knowledge or training should be deciding on medical choices that affect my health.

Please support keeping employers out of the vaccine decisions of their employees and preventing them from discriminating based on vaccine status or history. Employers have no medical education to be involved in private health decisions.

Support and say yes to SB 213

Thanks,

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February 20, 2021

Feb 20, 2021

In Support of SB 213

John Hall Lenexa, Johnson, Kansas Senate district 21

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am in support of SB213 because I cannot get it, per the manufacturer, because I have had a severe allergic reaction to a drug, and I am the sole wage earner for my family.

Also, I have to work, but I should still retain the right to informed consent of any medical procedure. If we give employers the authority to take that away it's a slippery slope we're going down.

I also have a vaccine injured child, and my wife and several other members of my family have also had reactions to prescription drugs. None of them should get it either, and they all need to continue working.

Thank you, John Hall FROM THE DESK OF JOSEY PAYNE PP KCK-14/07

# IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

February 22, 2021

Josey Payne PP KCK-14/07 Kansas City, Kansas Wyandotte County Senate District 4

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

On behalf of neighbors, constituents and myself, would like to make known that there is overwhelming community support of Kansas SB 213. I am in support of SB 213 as it protects the freedoms and liberty or livelihoods of all Kansas residents not just the individual employees. No Employer shall be protected or allowed discriminatory practices against an employee based on their vaccination history and asking this committee and its members to support SB 213 advancing out of committee.

Sincerely yours,

Jory Pane

Josey Payne

February 22, 2021

RE: In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members -

I am a concerned mother with a voice and am in support of SB 213. I do not support anyone's medical freedom being taken away from them. We may not all agree when it comes to the choice of receiving the shot or not... yet, I do hope with all my heart that we the people can find a way to common ground when tis comes to things like Informed Consent, Bodily Autonomy, and Medical Freedom to choose yes/no. We should have a choice ALWAYS.

FREE PEOPLE FREE SOCIETY WE ARE FREE

Thank you,

Kalynn Strunk Wichita (Sedgwick) Kansas KS Senate District 27 February 22, 2021

Kara S. Kansas District 39

In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

Thank you for your time. My name is Kara and I live in Southwest Kansas. I am the mother of a vaccine-injured child. I am also the aunt of a vaccine-injured child. I am in support of SB 213 which deals with employers mandating vaccinations.

All vaccines are NOT safe for all people, all of the time. I learned this the hard way. As an infant my son had an awful adverse reaction to a routine round of shots where he quite literally screamed a high-pitched, gut-wrenching scream for six days straight. SIX DAYS! I was overwhelmed by guilt after I learned some of the ingredients in those shots, (aluminum, formaldehyde, acetone, msg, etc...) I dove into troves of information and postponed any further shots.

Fast-forward to the measles outbreak at Disneyworld in 2015. Scare tactics and fear drove me to take my already vaccine-injured toddler in for a measles shot. Followed by another Hep-A shot three months later, this is when my real nightmare began. My son regressed. By 13 months old, he had a handful of words he used and was developing new words every day. He called me "Mom-Mom" and said "mook" for milk - he lost all of it. I didn't hear him call me mom again for over a year!!! He was also already walking, climbing stairs and dancing - all of that - gone. He began to stumble and fall to a crawl. Where he was previously exploring on his own, now he was nervously afraid and wouldn't let go of my hand. He started spinning, flapping, flipping light switches for hours at a time, waking up drenched in sweat every few hours, tantrums, absent seizures, skin issues, you name it. He was a very sick little boy. He would line all of his matchbox cars up in perfect rows all facing the same direction - sorted by color... he wasn't even two years old. I had to plead with his pediatrician to get him evaluated for speech much less developmental delays. They labeled him borderline autistic, but he never got a diagnosis... meaning he showed all the characteristics of autism but didn't qualify for services. I devoted every minute of my time to learning how to heal my son and spent every last dime on therapies, diets, detox, supplements, books & so on. That was seven years ago, and we still have issues. We're still paying the price.

Listen, there are some people who just can't handle some of these vaccines. There are lots of parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, therapists, healthcare workers, who know someone personally who has been harmed by vaccines, therefore they no longer trust the program. Or they are intelligent enough to look into these new fast-tracked injections which are entirely different than the current vaccines on the market. They don't trust the flip-flop science. So much so, that if faced with having to have a shot or lose their job, Kansas employment rates could very well suffer, or people will simply find work elsewhere.

No virus can strip Americans of their constitutional rights. But as this crisis and the government responses to it have shown, if we are not vigilant in protecting our liberties, they will be taken from us.

Kara S.

February 21, 2021

## To Chairman Olson and Kansas Senate Commerce Committee Members,

# I encourage you to vote "YES" on SB 213.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of Kansas and believe this bill is critical for the economic and physical health and well-being of our individual residents and their communities and our state as a whole. Folks are already leaving Kansas for many reasons, and many folks are weary of seeing their civil rights violated by overreaching government. SB213 is an outstanding way to demonstrate that Kansas values personal health privacy.

A couple things I believe are important to understand.

# NO VACCINE/BIOLOGIC IS 100% SAFE FOR 100% OF THE PEOPLE 100% OF THE TIME. NO VACCINE MANUFACTURER IS LIABLE FOR INJURIES OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF BEING INJECTED WITH THEIR PRODUCT.

There is no way any employer can know how any given vaccine might affect any given employee at any time. It is wrong for employers to have any authority to determine who is eligible for a job based on vaccine history or status. And no employee should be concerned about their job status based on their vaccine history or choices.

And a special note of thanks to Senator Steffen and the revisors of SB 213. This bill is straight forward, easy to understand the purpose and includes just the one issue.

Thank you all for your service on behalf of Kansans. My family and I continue to pray for God to give all of our legislators, (y'all included) wisdom, discernment and courage to do the right thing as you make decisions for our state.

Karen H Tonganoxie, KS February 22, 2021

Written testimony in support of SB 213

Dear Senate Commerce Committee,

I support SB 213. My name is Katharine. I live in Colwich, which resides in Sedgwick county, Kansas. I would ask you to support SB213, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on their vaccine status. This is a personal medical decision of the individual employee which is not the business of any employer!

My husband and I have 6 children, ages 24 to 5. All are in excellent health. Our oldest has been so healthy that she has only needed antibiotics twice. Our youngest child, age 5, has never needed antibiotics. All of our other children have had antibiotics once. We did 2 years of intensive research before we made this decision on vaccines. Hands down, it has been the best parenting decision we have ever made. My two oldest children are now in the workforce. Please do not allow an employer to ruin their fantastic health by mandating something that would be harmful to them, as proved by their great health so far with the absence of such chemicals!

Also, our family came to Kansas from Texas for the aerospace industry. My husband brings billions of dollars into this state with his Special Missions international projects with a large, local aerospace company. If you allow employers to require such vaccines, there may be a mass exodus from this state of highly qualified people. That could greatly affect the economy of our state. Please do what you can to keep such highly qualified engineers here in our state's economy. Otherwise, they may leave and take their expertise and resultant company revenue to other parts of the country. Such experts are highly sought after and are more mobile than you might realize!

Thank you for supporting SB213.

Katharine Day Colwich, KS February 19, 2021

Kathleen Owens Topeka, KS Shawnee County Senate District 20

### Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a concerned mother writing on behalf of her husband and children, in support of SB213.

I believe that it is vitally important to keep employers and businesses out of the vaccine decisions of their employees/customers. It is imperative that discrimination based on vaccine status or history is deemed unethical and unconstitutional.

I want my children to grow up in a world that allows for true medical autonomy which is not dictated by the state.

Sincerely,

Kathleen

February 21, 2021

Dear Senate Committee members,

I am writing to urge you to please vote in favor of SB 213. I believe this bill is important because it protects employers from discriminating against an employee based on their vaccination status/history.

Health is an individual matter and no medical procedure should ever be a condition of employment. Vaccines, as stated by the Supreme Court, are unavoidably unsafe. To prove that point, I suggest you visit the VAERS website, Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. Here you will clearly see that thousands of people are harmed by vaccines each year, including death.

It is important that Kansas upheld the freedoms we cherish as an American. I personally believe that preserving our health freedoms is one of the most important things we can do as a nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Andries

*SB* 213 prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee based on their vaccination status or history.

2/22/2021

In Support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Kathryn Dowling. I live in Miami County, outside of Wellsville, KS in Senate District 37.

I am emailing you to urge each of you to support SB 213. I am employed at an engineering firm in KC and am confident that it will follow other companies when the CDC recommends the Covid vaccination just as they have followed all the other Covid-19 guidelines. If my employer decides to mandate this vaccine, or any other vaccines/drugs, this will be the end of my career there. Why would a vaccination be mandated for a virus with a survival rate of over 95%? This vaccine has not been tested enough to know what kind of side effects it causes. The decision to mandate vaccines is an infringement on our rights of freedom as citizens of the United States of America. It is not the government or my employer's decision of whether I can keep working based on my vaccination records. That is no longer freedom, that is discrimination towards those who choose to not take the vaccine. It's frightening to realize that if this bill doesn't pass our freedom of choice will be taken away. Once one freedom is taken away, what stops the rest of them from being taken away? Why stop there?

Thank you all for what you are doing to keep our state free and for not allowing us to be infringed upon. Please continue to protect our freedoms by supporting SB 213.

Sincerely, Kathryn Dowling SB 213 February, 22, 2021

Katy Reinecker Inman, KS Proponent Testimony

To the Senate Commerce Committee, Mr. Robert Olson, Chair

Dear Senator Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 213. As an employer, this bill is very important to me, as I do not believe it is any employer's right to demand ANY medical procedure as a requirement for employment, much less an experimental one. I run a small business that currently employs 10 people, and I would never think that I could personally make such an important decision for any of my employees. I am not qualified. No HR department of any company would be. When businesses start requiring experimental medical procedures as conditions of employment, we know we have truly lost our way.

Whenever there is risk, there must always be choice, and we know there is risk involved in a medical procedure that has been tested for so short a time, on so few people. The Nuremberg trials guaranteed our rights to NEVER take an experimental treatment without full informed consent. If someone required you to take an experimental therapeutic, with no long term trials, no proof it actually works to prevent a disease you've never had (or possibly DID have, which would be even more ridiculous) and yet it sometimes causes facial paralysis, neural inflammation, possibly lethal allergic reaction, uncontrollable muscle spasms or weakness, catatonia, or even death, all to keep your job so you can feed your family, would you take it? No one should ever have to make that choice.

On February 1, 2021, Dr. Lee Norman gave an update to the House Children and Seniors Committee. At about the 1 hour 5 minute mark of the update, Dr. Norman said that perhaps we would start to return to normal life (specifically speaking on nursing homes) after 80-85% of people reached immunity, either natural or through vaccination. When asked what would be the case for those employees or residents who refuse the vaccine he said, "This is America. People can refuse a vaccine, what can you do about it?" Please stand in support of this bill to make certain it stays that way.

Thank you,

Katy Reinecker Senate District 35

In support of SB 213

Kelsey Hentzen

Gardner, KS

KS District 43

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf my niece who was vaccine injured at the age of one. Due to her receiving her twelve-month vaccines, she was hospitalized and broke out in a rash from head to toe with the measles. Just one of the many shots given at the twelve-month appointment is the MMR (Measles, mumps and rubella). This caused her body to break out in measles from head to toe and because her doctor was concerned for future reactions, she was given a medical exemption.

After going through this experience with her, it gave me great caution to continue to vaccinate my own children due to fear of reactions. I fully believe each body reacts differently to medicine and injections and should not be forced for someone to keep their job or receive a public education.

By approving SB 213, it could possibly save many others from the experimental Covid vaccine. We honestly just don't know enough about the side effects to mandate it for anyone.

Please consider approving this bill to protect the rights of our citizens and future children.

Thank you,

**Kelsey Hentzen** 

In support of SB 213

Krystal Hilscher Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas Senate District 23

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 213. As a city employee, I am greatly concerned about discrimination in the workplace based on vaccination status.

Vaccinations are not a one size fits all. Many people have negative reactions to foods, medications, and vaccines. Some vaccines are developed using ingredients which are against certain religious beliefs. Allowing employers to mandate vaccines for their employees is unethical.

Last week, the city manager emailed all city employees, asking for people to disclose their Covid vaccination status to their managers. This alone is private information between the employee and their doctor. I fear that this is only the beginning, and the Covid vaccination will soon be required for employment. As this vaccine is brand new and there have been no long term studies conducted, there is hesitation for many people to take the vaccine. However, without a bill like SB 213, these people could be fired for refusing the vaccine. This cannot happen.

I support SB 213.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Krystal Hilscher In Support of SB 213 February 25th, 2021 Kyle Martin Assaria Saline Co Kansas Senate District 24

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an operator for the CHS refinery in McPherson KS as well as a land realtor and I am in support of SB 213. My wife is a nurse for a hospital in Salina. We have two small children. If this bill doesn't pass, both our jobs could be affected, which would severely impact our family.

As a family, when it involves the health of our children or ourselves my wife and I do our own research on what will be the best decision for any issue that may arise. With that being said, we also consult with our family doctor if the need arises.

As Americans, we would like to keep the power to make our own healthcare decisions. Whether that be which doctor we want to see, what diet plan we choose to follow or what, if any, medications and pharmaceutical products we put into our body. If this bill passes, companies will have this power. An employer that may very well have no background in health science, specifically vaccines, will be making personal health decisions for their employees. A blanket medical decision not based on anything to do with past medical history, allergies, or individual beliefs.

If this bill passes, employers will have the power to make families choose between paying the bills and doing what they feel is best for their health. That is something I hope no Kansan ever has to choose between.

Thank you, Kyle Martin Kylee Kalgren 1901 Colonial Drive Pittsburg, KS 66762

February 23, 2021

In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members 100 North Broadway Wichita, KS 67202

Dear Committee Members,

I may only be starting my adult life, but I still understand the importance of bill SB 213. This bill is about keeping employers out of the vaccine decisions of their employees and preventing them from discriminating based on vaccine status or history. A vaccine is a very personal, medical decision and should not be forced upon any individual. Where there is risk, there must be a choice, and with ANY vaccine there are risks. How can you force someone to take something that could potentially harm them permanently or even cause death? If the vaccines work as they are touted to work, the person who decides to take them should be protected, so my decision to not vaccinate is not their concern. It should be irrelevant whether or not I, or anyone, has received vaccines. It would be discrimination to keep us from an education, or providing for our families based on our vaccine status. I am asking you to please vote for bill SB 213.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Kylee Kalgren

# SB 213

## February 21, 2021 Dear **Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members**

I am a mother of vaccine-injured children and am in support of SB 213.

I have six children, 4 of them are vaccinated and on the autism spectrum. Two of those on the autism spectrum are very severe and are adults that need full-time care and special services. My younger 2 children have never been vaccinated and are completely normal and healthy. I cannot express how much my children's vaccine injury has taken a toll on our family. Not only financially, which has been very great, but also socially, emotionally, in every way you can imagine. Please support each individuals right to choose over their own body.

As confirmation, my family completed extensive lab work back in 2005 in an attempt to discover the cause. Doctor-ordered lab work revealed no genetic link. Lab work also revealed heavy metal toxicity. The only known exposure is from vaccines.

My family and others like us cannot afford any additional injury due to vaccine. Please support us in our right to choose.

Laurel Austin-Lemmon Lenexa Kansas Johnson county Senate District 21 House District 14

Chairman Robert Olson 300 Southwest 10th Avenue Room 236-E Topeka, KS 66612

RE: SB-213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am contacting you to urge your support for SB-213 regarding health freedom in Kansas, specifically as it pertains to the COVID-19 vaccine. I believe that the rush to achieve "herd immunity" in the population is pushing health policymakers to impose mandates on the public that infringe on personal freedom and put lives in danger.

I need to share my story about being forced to receive vaccinations due to enormous pressure from my employer. I believe I was victimized by their goal of 100% compliance for the flu vaccine. I bowed to this relentless pressure for ten years. During this time I developed asthma, which I believe was a direct result of the flu vaccine. I also know that it was preventable. There is now evidence that supports that link.

The last two years I worked there, I refused the flu shot and was harassed with claims that I was the only employee who was keeping them from their 100% vaccination goal. Ultimately I took another job, along with a \$2.00/hour pay cut.

My son received his required vaccinations and has paid a price for it as well. Due to limited job opportunity in our small town, he is now employed by the same facility. We are concerned that the (currently) optional COVID-19 vaccine will eventually be required by his employer as soon as it's FDA approved.

This is not acceptable to me. Kansans and all Americans should have the freedom to choose whether or not to risk their own health due to arbitrary one-size-fits-all mandates. No one should be forced to ingest a medication or undergo a medical procedure that they oppose.

In recent years, I have begun to research vaccine harms and have discovered things that trouble me greatly. In addition to the physical harm that forced vaccination has had on my family, the documented use of aborted fetal tissue in many of the scheduled vaccines is unacceptable to me. As a pro-life woman I am strongly opposed to the use of fetal tissue and fetal DNA cell lines on both philosophical and religious grounds.

Kansans deserve to have their representatives protect their health freedom as well as their religious freedom. I am asking that you champion this cause to protect personal freedoms. You can be a hero and I urge you to do so.

Sincerely, Lea E. Hoxie, Kansas

# In support of SB213 02-20-21

# Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an employer of a small business in Colby Kansas and am in support of SB213. Employees need to feel comfortable that they are in control of their vaccination choices. As an employer I think it's important employees to have freedom of choice in whatever job they do. They should not be discriminated against based on their personal decisions to vaccinate or not. Every person is different and every body reacts differently to vaccines. This is should not be a blanket decision for these reasons. Also, some people have religious presences that need to be accepted and not discriminated against.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Please don't take the decision making from Kansas individuals.

LeAnna Soehner Colby, Ks Thomas County Senate district-40

Re: In Support of SB 213

Attn: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I am a Registered Nurse and am in support of SB 213. I have over 30 plus years of experience and have witnessed firsthand the increase in number of vaccines by the CDC and employers in healthcare. 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 believe prevention and good personal health care is of utmost importance. Our current state of healthcare has become a Disease Management System, not Health Care.

I am 62 years old and take no prescription medication and have no major health issues. I do not want to put a foreign, man-made toxic substance in my body that could potentially cause increased health issues, such as autoimmune disease, allergies, or cancer. I would like to know I have my Freedom of Choice to decide and not be forced by an employer to take the Covid vaccine, flu or any other vaccine. Employers need to be out of the vaccine decisions of their employees and preventing them from discriminating based on vaccine status or history. It is not the employers or governments place to mandate what is best for my own health.

Please support SB 213 that would prohibit employers from discriminating against an employee based on their vaccination status or history.

Thank you for your support on this bill.

Sincerely, Linda J, RN BSN Paola, Kansas Miami County, KS Senate District 37

In support of Bill #SB213 February 23, 2021

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you today to express great concern for the prospect of mandated vaccinations, and would ask that you please bless this bill.

Mandated vaccinations in the workplace, school, travel, etc. would be devastating to our country and economy. This would also hinder my children from participating in many activities, or possibly even a job one day.

It worries me that if vaccinations become mandated in the workplace, other business and companies will also follow suit. I cannot begin to tell you how this would affect my family. I was fully vaccinated as a child, and it has impacted my life as an adult. I have suffered from polycystic ovarian syndrome, and had a great deal of trouble conceiving. Since realizing one of the root causes was vaccines, we are hoping to make more educated choices for our children.

Not only am I concerned with the mandate of vaccines, the ingredients in them are a huge factor in a person's choice to receive them or not. This is a religious matter for me, and I cannot condone the process of creating a vaccine, let alone allow it into my body. It should be up to each individual to choose what is best for themselves, and their children, without being shunned from travel, work, school, or extra activities.

In addition, no one is liable if there are reactions to the vaccine. Who will take care of myself or my child, or my husband if one of has a terrible reaction? Who will be by side if my child dies as a result of receiving the vaccine? There is not enough research that has been done on this vaccine to make me even feel comfortable encouraging my parents or grandparents to receive it. I would like to continue having children, and would like to continue to make my own decisions on what is best for myself and family.

Again, I am asking you to please bless this bill, for my daughter now, and for my future children.

Many Blessings,

Lindsay Sinclair Paola, Miami County, Kansas

Written testimony in support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

I would like to express my strong support for SB213. I am a long time Kansas resident and I believe it is extremely important that employers do not require employees to get the experimental Covid-19 "vaccination" in order to keep working. First and foremost it has not been approved by the FDA for use, it has only been approved for emergency use. We do not know the long term effects of this shot for things like cancer, reproduction, birth defects, mutagenesis, among other things. Vaers already has close to 1,000 deaths reported after taking one or both shots. There have been more than 1850 hospitalizations, more than 3450 urgent care visits, more than 2190 office visits, 190 cases of anaphylaxis and 198 cases of Bell's Palsy all after taking one or both shots.

Pharmaceuticals are not a one size fits all industry. Many people's bodies do not tolerate the ingredients in certain medicines and vaccinations which is why we are seeing all of the adverse reactions to this shot. If the cure (which this shot is not even close to a cure) to corona virus was peanuts and we knew for sure that a person was allergic to peanuts would employers be able to demand that the person allergic to peanuts eat them anyway inorder to keep their job? Of course not! Past experience has shown that my son and daughter are one of these people who could have horrible reactions to this shot and I am speaking on their behalf. As a child my son had Bell's Palsy twice after vaccinations and my daughter has been battling life altering health issues since receiving the HPV vaccine more than 7 years ago as a teenager.

We also know that pharmaceutical companies are not liable for any adverse effects caused by the shot. Does this mean that if an employer requires someone to get the shot in order to stay employed and they have an adverse reaction that they would be able to sue the employer? How would employers be able to afford this risk?

There are just too many potential negative effects that could come from requiring employees to get a shot to remain employed. These risks are too high for an illness that is 99.7% survivable for most people. You must vote Yes for SB 213 and leave this decision up to the individual and not the employers.

Thank you for your time, Lorrie Belcher

Testimony in support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members -

My name is Lyndsie Weaver. I live in Wichita Kansas (Sedgwick county) and part of District 27. I am a Registered Respiratory Therapist for a big company in Wichita KS. At one point vaccines (flu) were not mandatory with my company, but now they are, and I know it's just a matter of time before the COVID-19 will be added to that. You get suspended from work until vaccination record is provided.

This is against our health choice freedoms. I am 100% in support of SB-213!

Sincerely, Lyndsie Weaver, RRT

In support of SB 213

To whom it may concern,

I suffered a vaccine reaction in 1991, after having a required MMR shot in order to stay in college.

I tested positive for the Epstein Barr virus as well as Cytomegalovirus and basically I was told that I had an auto immune issue and they thought I might have Lupus. I had horrible migraine headaches, chronic sinus infections, and debilitating fatigue. They asked me if I had ever had mono, to which I replied never. They said my blood showed it was the chronic form, and not an acute infection. Long story short I saw many specialists and was on 20 pills a day. It was years later when I learned that the MMR shot was contaminated with Epstein Barr virus as well as Cytomegalovirus. I never told my doctor that I had the shot because it occurred on campus. This information might've been helpful, because all they could say was "You are a diagnostic mystery, we're not going to tell you that you have lupus, but we're not going to tell you that you don't, it's just not in your DNA yet. We will just keep re-checking your blood every six months." Thankfully my mother took me to a chiropractor and through functional medicine I was able to detox my body and get rid of my migraine headaches, fatigue, and chronic sinus infections. I am very thankful that I was able to detox my body and get back to normal life. I just wonder how many other people there are out there that don't even realize they have reacted to a vaccine. I believe there needs to be true informed consent, and nobody should be forced to take a vaccine that has never been double blind placebo tested. This is the gold standard, yet it's not applied in the area of vaccines. Furthermore, the vaccine manufacturers are exempted from lawsuits, which in my opinion is a huge conflict of interest. Please allow people to make these decisions for themselves, especially since safety studies are not being conducted. Do not take away our exemptions. Every person has the right to decide what they want to put in their body, no agency has the right to mandate otherwise.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Lynnette Hendrickson, D.C, CACCP

In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an employee with the State of Kansas and I would like to continue working at my job as I have a good working relationship with both management and my fellow employees; which is why I am asking you all to support SB 213 which prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee based on their vaccination status or history, and thus will ruin the good relationship between management and employees. Intimidating Americans into taking a vaccine for a virus with a 99.7% survival rate not only is damaging to individual liberty, it also contradicts safe medical practice. But more importantly, many of these vaccines (which have already been shown to have serious side effects including death), are morally offensive due to the fetal cell lines made or tested to produce these vaccines. By requiring these vaccines, employers will be will automatically taking part in a form of religious persecution and force many people to quit their jobs.

Sincerely,

Mark Gallegos

St. Marys, Pottawatomie County, KS. Senate District 18

Monday, February 22, 2021

#### IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Committee Members,

I am a former Registered Nurse who worked the H1N1 vaccine clinics in Nebraska a few years ago. My experience at that health department and many other professional AND personal experiences send me with a respectful request of you to support SB 213. I have always treasured that as a trained and licensed medical professional that we educate people and respect each individual's choice for their own body. I have been proud to be an American because we stand for freedom of truth, justice and liberty for ALL. My belief is that we will find strength in this bill that will continue to protect the beliefs this country was founded on. I am a praying woman and a grateful one for those of you who have been called to public duty. Thank you for your time and support for SB 213! God bless us all and our beautiful, free U.S.A.

Melinda K. Manhattan, Kansas. Pottawatomie County Senate district 1 18 February 2020

Subject: In support of SB 213

To: Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee

I am a wife of one whose job is in jeopardy because of soon-to-be mandated vaccines. I'd like to share why it's extremely valuable to pass this bill with confidence. We have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As free citizens, we have the freedom to decide if we want to work in blue-collar jobs (often times manual labor) or white-collar jobs (using your mind but sitting mostly at a desk). We become experts at what we'd like to earn money doing for our career. After spending many years and a considerable number of dollars to become experts, we don't just flip flop easily between, say, installing insulation and taking a startup technology company to the next level. We don't even switch careers without considerable effort. For me, providing for my family is very important. Providing is my pursuit of happiness. In my life, I've also learned how to work hard to earn the wages to enable me to provide both necessities and extras for my family.

Right now, my husband's job is being threatened because he has not reported to the medical department that he's received the gene altering shot. Because the technology hasn't been tested long term, nor has mRNA ever been used in humans before, nor does the manufacturer have any sort of liability if he becomes ill or dies, we aren't comfortable saying yes to such a medical procedure that is irreversible. Now, because of his hesitation, they are telling him they'll use tactics to bully him into compliance, or possibly soon, fire him. This is not liberty in our pursuit of happiness.

When our company closed down in our city of origin, only 10% of the 2,500 employees were offered a relocation package for the new site out of state. Life doesn't always leave you with plenty of job opportunities in your town and your specialty, especially if, as in our situation, over 2,000 people were looking for careers in a specialized category. I want you to know that we cannot be cavalier in flippantly saying, "FIND ANOTHER JOB!" because it's not always that simple, especially in the job climate after a year of the world essentially being shut down.

It is not right to discriminate against someone who has a medical condition or who wants personal liberty to choose what's best for them, yet this is how we're being treated. We are the land of the free. Help us keep our livelihood by supporting SB 213.

Where there is risk, there should always be choice, especially about something so irreversible, like vaccines and other shots. Help us enjoy life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness with your support of SB 213.

Gratefully and Sincerely,

Melissa C. City of Olathe, Johnson County Resident Senate District 9, House District 14 February 20th, 2021

RE: Support for SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

Please support SB213. This bill is to support freedom from employers requiring vaccines for employment. Where there is risk, we must have a choice, and this new covid vaccine carries risks. The manufacturers are free from all liability, meaning that if I or anyone in our family is injured, we must struggle to figure out how to make ends meet. Some injuries have been significant - some have resulted in permanent injury and some individuals have died.

I work very hard to maintain my health and have struggled to **regain my health following vaccine injury that happened when I was a teenager receiving the Hep B series. That series was required for me to work as a dental assistant when I was 15**, which was back in 1989 when we assumed all vaccines were safe and we didn't question the work requirement. That job was just a summer job, then I suffered years of side effects. Once you cross the threshold of allowing employers a say in people's healthcare, you have opened quite a can of worms. We must maintain our freedom and not have any requirement to turn over health records to employers.

Thank you,

Melissa McDonald

February 19, 2021

### **IN SUPPORT OF SB 213**

Melissa Neville Manhattan Riley County Kansas District 22

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am an employee at a higher education institution, and I am in support of SB 213 because I believe that medical decisions should remain between a doctor and patient. I do not believe that my employer should have the right to mandate or discriminate against anyone based on medical decisions. Whether I choose to have a vaccine or not is irrelevant. My employer has no business in my medical records.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Neville

Michelle Kalgren 1901 Colonial Drive Pittsburg, KS 66762

February 23, 2021

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members 100 North Broadway Wichita, KS 67202

Dear Committee Members,

I am a wife, and mother of eight children ranging in age from 3 - 21, and am in support of SB 213. This bill is about keeping employers out of the vaccine decisions of their employees and preventing them from discriminating based on vaccine status or history. A vaccine is a very personal, medical decision and should not be forced upon any individual. Where there is risk, there must be a choice, and with ANY vaccine there are risks. How can you force someone to take something that could potentially harm them permanently or even cause death? If the vaccines work as they are touted to work, the person who decides to take them should be protected. It should be irrelevant if my husband, my children, or I have received the same vaccine or not. I have children that are already in the work force, and twins who are about to start college. It would be discrimination to keep them from an education, or providing for their families based on their vaccine status. I am asking you to please vote for bill SB 213.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Michelle Kalgren February 25th, 2021

In Support of SB 213

Molly Martin Assaria, KS Saline County Senate District 24

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a nurse and employee of a hospital in Salina, and I am in support of SB 213. My husband is an employee at a large, local refinery. We have two small children. If this bill doesn't pass, both our jobs could be affected, which would severely impact our family.

We like to research and make our own personal medical decisions, alongside our family physician. I don't expect that any American believes their employer should be the one making the individual medical decisions of their employees. Whether those medical decisions be what specific diet and exercise program their employees should follow, what medications they should be on, what treatment plan they should take for a specific ailment, or what vaccinations they should receive - it is the personal business of the employee.

We are very careful these days not to discriminate based on race, gender, marital status, pregnancy, age, religion, etc. when it comes to hiring and firing employees. The same should be respected when it comes to the decision of whether a person feels a particular vaccination is in their best interest or not.

We're individuals. Our bodies are all different. We react differently to pharmaceutical products, including vaccines. What seems safe for one person, isn't necessarily safe for another. Our risk factors are also different depending on our genetic make up, age, co-morbidities, etc. When making medical decisions, the responsible thing to do is to assess all your risks and benefits with your physician, and then make the decision. For some people it is riskier to contract the disease, for others it is actually riskier to inject the vaccine. And of course this all depends on what specific disease we're talking about and which vaccine we're looking at.

If employers have the power to discriminate based on vaccination status, this puts responsible people in a very tough position. Make a medical decision that goes against their own health beliefs and maybe even that of their doctor, or comply to keep their job and feed their family? Nobody should be put in that position for trying to make an informed, responsible medical choice.

I was "voluntarily terminated" myself 6 years ago for opting out of the flu shot. I took the flu shot each year through nursing school and had negative effects. I also was vaccinated with the HPV shot around this time, fainted soon after receiving the shot, and felt sick for days

afterwards. I decided after these experiences it felt safer for me to opt out of a yearly flu shot when I could do other things, such as increase my vitamin C and D and zinc levels and avoid processed foods. This worked fine for me. I've never had the flu.

Two years into working as a nurse, I was told one flu season that I had a choice to make: get the flu shot or be fired. I sat down with the CEO, Director of Nursing, Employee Health Nurse, and Director of Human Resources and explained all this and told them what I did to prevent contracting the flu. They could see I was a healthy, fit, young person. They could also see I'd never called in sick. This didn't matter. I chose not to put my body through that again, and I lost my job.

At the time I didn't have a family or mortgage, so I could afford to put myself first, make my personal health a priority, and make this decision. Now I have a family, house and bills that have to come before me. Passing this bill would prevent these types of situations from happening to Kansans in any occupation, trying to do what's best for themselves and their families.

And then of course for some, there's the issue of religious beliefs and vaccinations. If this bill doesn't pass, religious beliefs are sure to be stomped on.

Thank you,

Molly Martin

In Support of SB213

February 25th, 2021

Chairman Olson and Senate Members,

I am an employee of a refinery in McPherson, Kansas and I am in support of SB213.

I believe the individual should make their own vaccine decisions. Employers should not play a role in this issue.

Monte Loder Marquette Ellsworth County Kansas Senate District 35 February 19, 2021

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am in support of SB 213. I am a county mental health provider in Sedgwick County living in Senate District 30 and wish to keep my health care choices between myself and my doctor. I will be unable to stay employed if this covid experimental shot is forced upon me at work. I am unsure what will happen to my family should this be a job requirement.

Please support keeping employers out of the vaccine decisions of their employees and preventing them from discriminating based on vaccine status or history. No other health care choices have been involved in my applying for a job and keeping employment. This experimental shot should NOT be considered and is setting a very dangerous precedent. This could open the door for employers to seek out only the healthiest of workers and fire those that have health issues either mental or physical.

Say YES to SB 213.

Sincerely,

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Pamela Vetter 16917 West Dutch Ave. Moundridge, KS Harvey County Senate District 31

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing you asking you to support SB 213. I am in support of this bill because in 2015 I had applied to be a driver for an assisted living facility. In the process of being hired, they informed me that I would have to have all of my vaccinations up to date and would have to receive the flu shot on a yearly basis in order to be employed.

I knew I had to make a very important decision, as this was a well-paying position with benefits. I had never had a job with benefits before. Ironically, I had been working in a hair salon at a wellness center for senior citizens. I had been there for four years working with the public, and primarily senior citizens every day. I have to this day, never received a flu shot. I have never had influenza. I am a healthy person that believes in supporting my immune system and I do not believe in putting chemicals and foreign substances in my body.

When I was 17, I had an MMR booster and had a severe reaction to the vaccine and was very sick. My mother, who was a nurse, recognized it was from the vaccine. So, I know that getting vaccines and injections are not a good option for me. I have also had blood work done that has shown that I have the MTHFR genetic mutation in my body; another reason that it would not be wise for me to get a vaccine. Vaccines are given out like they are a "one size fits all" and that MOST people will be fine. I disagree strongly. It is very important to take into consideration the general health and state of their immune system before vaccinations are given. What if you were the one that would have an adverse event or autoimmune reaction that left you with lifelong, debilitating consequences, or death? Who is liable? The vaccine manufacturer? The doctor, nurse, or person giving the injection? The employer, who has required the vaccine in order to be employed? According to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, none of these entities will be held liable.

In the past year I have had many conversations with people that are telling me that they would quit their job before they would get a COVID injection. These are nurses, CNAs, doctors, factory workers, etc. When it comes down to it, they should not have to make that decision. To lose your livelihood over a vaccine or an experimental injection is criminal.

My hope and prayer is that you will see the wisdom in passing this bill and allowing people to govern their own bodies and make decisions that are the best for themselves and their families.

Thank you for your service to the great state of Kansas and may the wisdom of God be with you,

Pam Vetter

In Support of SB213

Rachel Price Lawrence, Kansas Douglas County Senate District 2

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a mother of two daughters, both employees of a local pre-school. Recently they have been encouraged, with very strong words, to receive the covid vaccine. The employer is actively trying to secure the vaccine for all employees.

This is particularly egregious to me because both of my daughters received mandatory vaccines in order to attend school, and now both have autoimmune disorders as a result. The idea that they should be vaccinated again, against their will, in order to stay employed, is wrong in every way. Do our bodies belong to the state? It certainly appears to be the direction our nation is heading.

This vaccine is EXPERIMENTAL, nor has it been approved by the FDA. At this time there have been over 900 deaths reported in the USA of those who received the vaccine. In addition, the vaccine does not prevent a person from contracting covid, nor does it prevent transmission. Why would such a product be mandated? Vaccine manufacturers are not liable for any damage inflicted from a vaccine. With this knowledge, the idea that a vaccine should be mandatory for employment is unthinkable.

America was founded on the idea of personal freedom and liberty. No human being should be required to have a medical procedure—and one that is experimental - in order to work. Should this be allowed, we are sanctioning medical tyranny.

I respectfully ask that you stand for Kansans' health freedom and bodily autonomy by supporting SB213.

Sincerely, Rachel Price

#### 2/21/2021

Distinguished Senators and to whom this concerns -

I support SB213. I am a Physical Therapist. I was injured by a flu shot required by Ascension VCRMC in 2013. Prior to this, I had never had the flu nor had a flu shot, utilizing opt-out provisions. Instead of immunizations, I worked to bolster the immune system. I no longer blindly trusted "take one for the team" following my son's 3<sup>rd</sup> DPT which left him unable to walk for nearly 3 weeks.

Ascension's ultimatum to me: "take the shot or resign." Unable to procure an exemption, I eventually conceded. I was unable to walk the following day, finally relegated to walking with crutches for two weeks. I subsequently developed severe cramping and shooting pains down random areas of my legs with more focused pain in my LB, right hip and L knee. I developed progressive incontinence, some nights up 12-15 times to the restroom. I was passed between doctors for nearly a year before MRIs finally revealed cysts; a "giant" cyst in my sacral canal which produced the incontinence and random leg pains, a cyst inside my Right 2<sup>nd</sup> sacral nerve root which produced R hip issues and a third cyst in my Left knee. CYSTS ARE THE BODY'S WAY OF PROVIDING CONTAINMENT OF TOXINS. It is probable that I had small, asymptomatic cysts prior to the shot which ballooned with the introduction of the toxins.

Long story short – This required a highly specialized surgeon who drilled through the sacrum, cut into the nerves and drained the cysts, wrapping them so they would not re-develop. He performed laminectomies at all 5 levels of the sacrum bilaterally then installed a re-absorbable plate to rebuild the sacrum. The left knee required replacement approximately 9 months later. The right hip required replacement four months later. An undetected crack in the femur occurred during surgery. I returned to the Dr at three weeks, suspecting I had dislocated the hip. I had Xrays and was assured the hip was fine. As directed, I proceeded with therapy for six more weeks, unable to bear weight on that leg. More Xrays then revealed that the femur had actually been fully fractured six weeks earlier. A revision was done, replacing the first joint with a unit that utilized a thigh-length spike, secured with metal bands. A right knee replacement, necessitated by all the biomechanical stresses, was done one year later. That's 5 surgeries in 26 months. I returned to work between surgeries, walking on crutches most of that time.

I was blessed with excellent resources – good insurance with disability coverage, financial resources, professional knowledge - and absolute resolve to rehabilitate. Not all are so fortunate. The FINANCIAL COST has been outrageous. I have been treated by many orthopedic surgeons with back, hip, knee, hand and ankle-foot specialties. I have had extensive PT, OT, Acupuncture, Massage, Applied Kinesiology, Pedorthic and Chiropractic management and Natural Health interventions. My PERSONAL COST – time- therapy/exercise/water program demands 2.5 hours/day. I quit my job in July to manage this. I am left with asymmetry and biomechanical changes in my pelvis and legs, a permanent leg length difference, and significant ankle issues that may yet require a fusion. I am unable to get down on the floor to play with my grands. My weight lift limit is 15-20 pounds. Bladder control is still quite compromised. There is numbness in both hands from prolonged crutch use. My balance is poor. I walk functionally without assistive device but cannot tolerate aerobic walking due to pain and fatigue. The pool is my salvation and my passion. The PROFESSIONAL COST – loss of one highly specialized practitioner who made a difference in the lives of those she treated.

BOTTOM LINE – It is quite possible to manage health well without immunizations. My body is mine. I know its' capacities and limitations. Those who required this of me have not paid the price. I have – and I continue to do so. Neither workplace nor government should be able to force immunization under coercion.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Renae Alison PT, IMT-C

Sara M. Weeder-Korus 2223 SE Aspen Ct Topeka, KS 66605 February 22, 2021

RE: IN SUPPORT OF SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members:

I am a hospital pharmacist practicing in oncology pharmacy and chronic disease management at a Topeka hospital, and I am writing in support of SB 213.

We, as health care workers, have been asked to make many sacrifices during this pandemic. We having willingly given up so much in order to give our patients safety and health. But asking us to give up our personal autonomy in our own medical decisions is one step too far. In my 13 years of practice, I have consistently advocated that my patients always have the autonomy to accept or deny a treatment without fear of repercussion from those charged with caring for them. Today I ask members of the committee to offer the same sacred right of personal autonomy to me- to be able to make my own decisions about what treatments I choose to accept or decline without fear of losing my ability to support my family.

I am not anti-vaccine; my two children are vaccinated per current recommendations. I get all routine vaccinations myself. This year, however, has given a frightening glimpse into what it may be like if I dared to make a different decision. I personally chose to defer the Covid-19 vaccination when it was offered to me two months ago. I came to this decision after reading 140+ page study protocols, FDA briefings, critically evaluating every piece of available data on these vaccines, and with an intimate understanding of what purpose EUA (emergency use authorization) was really designed for. I made a decision based on my intimate knowledge of the EUA and drug development processes as an educated woman with a doctorate in pharmacy. What followed my decision has been a level of coercion and hatred that I could not have imagined. I can withstand that scrutiny, but without the support of the legislature, my right to personal health autonomy is in jeopardy.

Employees should not be required to offer their bodies to science as a requirement of employment. Please support SB 213.

Sincerely,

Sara M. Weeder-Korus, PharmD, BCPS

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My name is Sarah Jansen. I live in Paola, KS in Miami County, Senate District 12.

I would like to urge each of you to support SB-213 this week.

My husband Jeff works at a KC engineering firm that has followed all of the Covid-19 guidelines and like other companies we are confident if and when the CDC recommends mandating Covid vaccines, they will be the first to do so. If my husband's employer makes the Covid vaccine or any vaccine or drug a requirement of employment, that will be the end of his career there and in turn our single source of income. Our family has major concerns about the safety and efficacy of many drugs and vaccines not to mention the "fast tracked" Covid vaccines. We have greater concerns about the forcing or restriction of health care at the discretion of employers, especially in the case of emergency only approved, experimental Covid vaccines. As a wife and mother of our 6 young children, one of my worst nightmares is my husband being discriminated against and forced out of his job. The uncertainty of future employment and the lack of income to provide for our growing family is overwhelming.

Vaccines along with any other medications should be voluntary and never allowed to be forced on all by a private employer. Thank you for supporting diversity of convictions in this issue as you fight for our liberty to choose for ourselves and our families how to stay healthy. Please stand against allowing employers to discriminate against employees based on vaccine status and vote for SB-213.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jansen Miami County 2/22/21

Personal Testimony of Nurse in support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

Hello, my name is Sarah Kroeker from Inman, Kansas. I have been a Registered Nurse (RN) for 23 years. I support Senate Bill No. 213 because it will protect healthcare workers from being coerced into receiving mandatory vaccinations in order to keep their jobs. Patients have a right to informed consent, and the right to refuse treatment. It is unethical to coerce a patient into treatment against his will if he is of sound mind and mentally capable of making an informed decision. This principle should apply to nurses and healthcare workers as well. I have devoted myself to the profession of nursing and love what I do. I would like to continue in this profession without the fear of losing my job because of employer mandatory vaccination policies. Please stand for health choice freedom for nurses and all healthcare workers!

Respectfully,

Sarah Kroeker, MSN, RN, CEN

February 20th, 2021

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am a registered nurse and employed at a hospital in Emporia, KS and I am in support of SB 213. I am contacting you to raise my voice. My name is Sarah Wright and I reside in Madison, KS (Greenwood County, house district 13). I have been fortunate to be an essential worker throughout this pandemic and have remained working full time. I have seen the effects firsthand and know the potential illness associated with this virus. Yet, I stand firm and support informed consent and believe each individual should decide whether to receive this vaccine without my employer infringing upon my healthcare decisions/vaccine status and without retaliation. The full realm of possible vaccine side effects is still to be uncovered. I have truly felt bullied because of my decision to decline the COVID-19 vaccine and I am concerned my healthcare freedom is in jeopardy if my employer/government begins to dictate a mandatory vaccine. Please consider my support for the SB 213. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Sarah Wright

Please support SB 213.

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

My husband and I have seven children plus seven grandchildren. I am very concerned for them and all of our future medical freedoms. While our adult children must make their own choice when it comes to bodily autonomy, that choice should be theirs and ours to make, not one coerced by discrimination if we choose not to inject our bodies with certain medical procedures or technology recommended at this time.

As a child, I had the measles, mumps, chicken pox, rubella, and even scarlet fever which gave me immunity for life and passed antibodies on to my breastfed infants. In those days, both babies and the elderly were protected by true herd immunity. Vaccinations do not pass on that breast milk immunity nor do they last, requiring more and more boosters.

That being said, my main objection to being required to take either a liability free experimental technology or biological in order to work, travel, buy, bank, etc. is the use of aborted human body parts in the research and development of vaccines. While in some cases aborted fetal cells may not be an actual ingredient in the shot being given, all manufacturers have indicated that they have been a part of developing the spike protein and in the testing phases of the final product.

I am a follower of Jesus Christ, a believer of the Living God who commands us not to shed innocent blood. The Lord God also promises to judge nations which sacrifice their children. From the early sixties on, this industry has used aborted babies to develop vaccines, experimented on millions in the Congo, used orphans, mentally challenged, and children in foster care, etc., for research. Human serum and tissue became preferred medium for growing viruses after animal retroviruses were discovered in contaminated vaccines (such as the cancer causing SV40 in the polio vaccine). Please listen to Dr. Stanley Plotkin's testimony at a court custody disposition to understand the depth we have sunk to in these endeavors. (Link below.)

Immunize Kansas claims vaccines don't contain aborted fetuses (please research who funds their organization) yet live virus vaccines all contain DNA fragments from fetal cell lines used in their production. These include HGK 293, EERC6, HEC 293 (Hep A), MRC5, WI38. Fetal cell lines that are immortal pose a cancer risk, fetal cell lines that are not become tumorigenic and must be replaced which is why a new line was developed in 2015 and more are needed to replace the old.

In 2018 there was an outcry from Congress when the Trump administration halted funding of fetal cell research, claiming these are needed for vaccine research and development. (Link below.)

In 2019 David Dalidenan, undercover journalist, captured videos of planned parenthood selling baby body parts. This is illegal.

Dr. Teresa Deisher of Sound Choice Pharmaceuticals testified at his trial that births must be manipulated to procure and harvest organs while the heart is still beating. These procedures are done

with no anesthesia or pain killers and can now be performed in some states up to birth or even after birth. Universities also purchase specimens from abortions with grant money for research provided by taxpayers. This is immoral.

Two of the current emergency approved mRNA gene therapies used aborted tissue to test their vaccines and the two new ones coming out in March have fetal cell lines. We have no idea how aborted DNA fragments affect the human genome nor how genetically modified spike proteins will affect us in the future. These things are not studied just as infertility, mutagenic possibilities (cancer), and autism in vaccines are not studied. (The CDC has looked at one ingredient in one vaccine for autism and scrubbed the data. See whistle blower Dr. William Thompson for details. See also 13.1 in vaccine inserts which state these things are not studied.)

Any person who believes that using preborn babies for these products is morally wrong should not be required to submit to such procedures in order to travel, work, move freely in society, etc. These decisions should remain private and not be required nor tracked.

Please support religious exemptions, and bills such as SB 213 so that those with sincerely held religious beliefs are not discriminated against.

Thank you.

Shari Hobbs (Sharon L. Hobbs) Wichita, KS

#### Global discrimination:

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/18/world/middleeast/israel-covid-vaccine-reopen.html?fbclid=IwAR2-Nm2hOPxX7wlCahotB1y\_a3VmvYbxY8c1-yX3n2e7QzvyCOntDaityag

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Dr. Teresa Deisher:

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# February 18, 2021

# In SUPPORT of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am the wife of a construction company employee and I am in support of SB 213.

My husband is the main provider financially for our family. He works in the construction industry that does a lot of contract work for big companies. It concerns us greatly that while my husband's employer may not mandate the COVID vaccine, it is possible that these larger companies will.

We have talked about what we would do if the COVID vaccine was mandated. Will my husband be forced to take this experimental vaccine in order to provide for our family?

That is a decision that my husband should never have to make. Vaccines are medical interventions that should not be mandated, especially as a condition of employment.

Please support SB 213!

Sincerely,

Sheri Graham Moundridge, KS McPherson County Senate District 35

In support of SB 213

Dear Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

I am a stay-at-home mother of 6 and am in support of SB 213. We've had serious injury in our family from vaccines and it is of utmost importance for us to retain the right to choose whether or not we receive additional vaccines.

I'm especially concerned about my husband being required to take the experimental COVID vaccine in order to keep his job and continue to provide for our family. Please protect the privacy of Kansas workers and allow them to choose for themselves which medical procedures they want.

Sincerely,

Sonja Woods Lindsborg, KS McPherson County Senate District 35



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2/19/2021

In support of SB 213

Stephanie Ziegler Lawrence, Kansas Douglas County Kansas Senate District #19

I am a business owner for a small business in Lawrence, Kansas and I am in support of SB 213.

I agree employers should keep out of vaccine decisions of our employees and not prevent them from being discriminated based on vaccine status or history.

I am in support of this bill because we believe it is a personal choice to make choices about health decisions. I am in full support of this bill and believe in personal health freedom and choice on personal health decisions.

Thank you for your time. Stephance Ziegler

In Support of SB 213 Tabitha C. Rose Hill, KS Butler County Senate District 16

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am the wife of a business owner in Wichita. My husband owns a large plumbing company, as well as a smaller remodeling company. I am writing to ask you to support SB 213 that will help us as business owners as well as employees. He has already had employees approach him and ask if he would require the shot. They do not want it, at this point, and we as business owners do not want to be put in charge of making that happen. We feel strongly enough that should it come down to forcing it on ourselves and our employees, we would most likely close up shop and head out of town to a city and state that will not require it or force business owners to get involved. We do NOT want to be liable. Since there is no liability on the manufacturer or the ones injecting it, could we then, as business owners who required it, be left holding the blame if/when someone has life-long consequences? No!! Where there is risk, there MUST be choice. Please help us to have a choice and do not take out the option to work and support ourselves if we choose to wait. This is America, the Land of the Free. Please support our freedoms as business owners and employees! Thank you for your service on our behalf. We know these are hard times and we appreciate you taking this into consideration.

Tabitha C.

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing in **support** of **SB 213**. The importance of the protection provided by this bill is vital to the freedom of all Kansans. It protects those who support vaccination and those who do not, leaving the medical decision to the individual, without fear of losing their employment, not matter which side they support. Leaving this choice in the hands of each individual is constitutionally and morally correct, in my opinion.

I am a senior citizen, sad, but true. I have vaccine injured children, with one nearly dying at 2 months of age from the then called DPT, the other has allergies. I have a granddaughter who shows signs of the mthfr gene, which makes it very hard for the body to detox from heavy metals, which are in vaccines. I fear for the damage that will be caused to her and many others if vaccination is forced.

Personally, I have lived in Kansas for a little over a year, having come here to start a new chapter in my life journey. I was selected for a position at a delightful workplace, but then everything was shut down. I decided not to reapply for the position this year, even though it would have been in my skillset, as the writing was on the wall, so to speak, that this entity fully supports vaccines, including the Covid, gene altering technology. I was sad to learn of this, but am unwilling to set aside my experiences and beliefs for dollars. As much as I wish to become employed, I will not, as long as the threat of forced vaccination looms here. Moving is a real possibility as well, as much as I detest that process.

It has become abundantly clear that our freedom of choice is under attack in Kansas and this country that I love so much. Please, for the sake of ALL support this bill and use it as a springboard to begin clawing our way back to the time when we were each responsible for our own health decisions!

Sincerely, Taryn Sue Breuer Voter of Johnson County, Olathe, KS, Senate District 23

Re: In support of SB 213

#### To: Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members

I am writing to ask you to support SB 213. I am an assistant professor at a Kansas community college, where I've been teaching for thirteen years. I am deeply concerned that I may be forced to choose between risking my already compromised health by taking the experimental Covid-19 vaccine, and keeping the job I love.

I have struggled with an autoimmune condition for over a decade. This condition causes chronic joint pain and inflammation, as well as multiple food allergies. I have read that many scientists and doctors from around the world are cautioning that the experimental Covid-19 vaccine may be especially dangerous for people with pre-existing health conditions such as my own. Anyone with inflammatory o autoimmune conditions may be made worse by receiving this vaccine, or may even be at risk of dying from it. Considering there have been over 15,000 reports of injuries submitted to the VAERS system in less than two months since the vaccine has been rolled out—and that injuries are likely hugely under-reported—concerns about the side effects of these vaccines are valid and reasonable.

Moreover, while the clinical trials did include a small number of participants with pre-existing autoimmune conditions, this was a fraction of the participants and they were studied for only a few months. Pfizer and Moderna cannot claim that they know these vaccines are safe, because they have absolutely no long-term data on their health outcomes. Autoimmune conditions can take months to years to develop after a triggering event.

I should not be forced to choose between playing Russian roulette with my health, and keeping my livelihood. Please vote for SB 213 to protect people like me from employer vaccine mandates.

Sincerely,

Tasha Haas 16967 46<sup>th</sup> Road McLouth, KS 66054 Jefferson County 785-760-0281 thaas@kckcc.edu

In support of SB 213

To Whom it May Concern:

We have approximately 125 employees in KS and do not discriminate on any basis. We support any law that does not impose rules on employers forcing them to consider non-merit based hiring practices.

Regards,

Ted A. Glickley

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In Support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing you today asking that you would please support SB 213.

I believe that our medical history is a private matter between our doctor and our family, not an employer. My husband is the main provider of our home and his decision to be vaccinated or not, should not affect his ability to bring in an income for our family. This is a very real fear for many Kansans.

Medicine is never a one size fits all. In my own family we have had vaccine injury. Mandates do not take into account family medical history, nor personal medical history. That is a conversation for us to have with our medical provider.

We currently do not know what the long terms effects of this experimental vaccine will cause. A look at the government website VAERs (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system) shows that there are already over 900 deaths related to the COVID19 vaccine. I know countless people who are fearing that they will lose their job, because they do not believe the COVID19 vaccine is right for them. It should be our decision, not under any threat of coercion or bullying to decide what goes into our bodies.

Over the last year we have seen liberty and freedom erode over our nation. Please do the right thing and uphold people the freedom to choose whether or not we want to be a part of a vaccine experiment.

Thank you for your time,

Tressa K

Rice County, KS

Senate District 35

February 21, 2021 In support of SB 213

Wendy Strong Shawnee Johnson County Kansas Senate District 10

Dear Chairman Olson and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing you in support of bill SB 213. I am a nurse of over twenty years and believe it to be vital that discrimination does not take place based on a decision that is to be made privately between a physician and patient, but ultimately between God and man. I left mainstream medicine due, in part, to this very issue. I worked in the hospital and home health settings for 19 1/2 years. There is immense pressure to receive the flu vaccine and now quite possibly the COVID vaccine. If you receive the vaccine a sticker is placed on your badge to let all patients/hospital staff know of your private medical decision. Needless to say, many policies are not driven with individual health as a priority but rather financial gain/ties as the #1 priority. Please see attached study for example of financial ties. Financial ties between leaders of influential US professional medical associations and industry: cross sectional study - PubMed (nih.gov) Why should someone, who holds absolutely no responsibility or liability if I'm harmed or injured, be making health decisions on my behalf? Do you think that someone that is not affected by it harming me (no liability) but rather is affected if I don't get the vaccine(financial ties) going to make sound health decisions on my behalf? Please see attached link citing source regarding no liability. https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=%2Fprelim%40title42%2Fchapter6A%2Fsubchapter19%2F part2&edition=prelim&fbclid=lwAR2cjyAlOU2EWWN89Pb62icYl3Tg9joS2WgeU1XgDymMBaYPjJVjFE8Y c0Y

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider. I pray that God give you a heart and mind of discernment. I know these decisions are heavy and standing for freedom and truth can be a huge burden to carry. Many times standing for what is right comes with great persecution.

God Bless,

Wendy Strong, RN, BSN Shawnee, KS

In support of SB 213

Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

Mandating a vaccine for any reason or in any population is not freedom when it comes to health decisions. I do not want to have an employer (or anyone else for that matter) mandate I have a vaccine in order to work, shop or frequent that establishment as this is not what America was founded on, we need to be granted choices when it comes to healthcare.

Informed consent is part of our medical choices process and should remain as such for any situation where there could be opportunity for an employer to over-reach into their employees lives and health care choices. There is risk with any vaccine, some more than others and each person should have the right to decide if the risk outweighs any potential benefit.

There are many reasons not to mandate vaccines. They contain all types of ingredients and excipients that are known carcinogens. I am responsible for all costs and lost of work if I encounter vaccine injury so with that, I must be able to decide what is right for me.

Thank you,

William McDonald Miami County, KS