

Honorable Beverly Gossage
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Kansas Capitol, Room 142 South
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Proponent Written Testimony, SB56,

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Committee:

My name is Debbie Mize and I live in Louisburg and I am providing testimony in support this bill.

SB6 is a bill designed to limit future mandates from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. I cannot support the KDHE ever mandating a shut-down of society or the wearing of masks

In early 2020, when the KDHE and Governor, along with our legislature shut down our state it had dire consequences. I can recount many disastrous consequences including death but I need to keep this testimony short so I will be brief.

In my town many of our local businesses were deemed unnecessary. These businesses actually provided necessary income for their family and the families of their employees. When these employers were unable to pay their bills they had to lay off their employees and eventually closed their doors. This was a dire loss to our community.

The shutdown of our schools has severely affected the education and mental health of our children. In one local school there were three suicides attributed to the lockdowns.

The foolish requirement of wearing masks not only had no scientific validity but also delayed and caused speech disabilities for many of our young children.

I would ask you to protect our communities, our jobs and our children from a future pandemic with coerced mandates. I ask that you recommend SB50 for approval by this committee.

Respectfully,
Debbie Mize
Louisburg
Proponent