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To Whom it May Concern:

In response to the recent request for written comments regarding pending legislation in the Kansas Senate, we submit the following:

When there is risk, there must be choice. Our daughter received the Menactra vaccine followed by the Gardasil vaccine in February of 2012. She suffered a serious adverse event. It's been five years and we still battle to restore her health.

Our previously healthy child with an unremarkable health history, according to her pediatrician, became so ill she could not attend school full time. She was a junior in high school and an honors/AP student. Prior to her injury, she had missed one day of school due to a fever.

Her neurological and autoimmune issues still persist. She has described her brain shutting down. We watched the light leave her eyes. It was gone for months and months. She has fought hard to partially restore her health although we don't know that she will ever be back to where she was before the vaccines.

Thimerosal is present in the meningitis vaccines and aluminum is present in the HPV vaccine. How do we know what each individual boy or girl's threshold is for eliminating these toxins? We don't. There are no studies. And no one seems to care. We trusted the science. We trusted her doctor.

We all deserve better. Our daughter has been marginalized by many in the medical community, some say she is not vaccine-injured but rather is just seeking attention. It's important to note that our current physician signs medical exemptions each year for our daughter and her younger brother (whom we believe is her closest genetic twin). As parents, we have been patronized as not capable of critical thinking, we have been labeled anti-science and anti-vaccine (when in fact, both of our children are compliant with all required vaccines). Why the medical establishment isn't interested in the subset of the population that is predisposed for vaccine injury is beyond us. Yet, in the end, it's a business and that explains quite a lot. *WHERE THERE IS RISK (AND THERE IS RISK), THERE MUST BE CHOICE.*

Please do not dismiss our daughter. Do not dismiss the others and we know there are many.

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