

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

Re: Written and Oral Opposition testimony, HB2264

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Committee:

I am a resident of Louisburg and Vice President of Kansans for Health Freedom. KSHF opposes the present version of HB2264. Individual liberty and critical thinking are under attack in America today and this bill is a classic example. The excuse of Covid, has allowed more and more power to be given to government agencies and large corporations. A vote to pass this bill will continue the trend in Kansas.

During Covid, KSHF received, and it continues to receive, reports of hospitals and healthcare facilities forcing mandates and corporate policies on patients and their loved ones. Patients were isolated from their relatives and loved ones based on various rules or “science” that proved to be wrong. Relatives contacted KSHF for help to see their loved ones before their imminent death or while they were receiving treatment. However, the facilities seemed to do everything they could to keep visitors away. Patients need their family to participate in the decisions being made for them but these facilities seemed more interested in maintaining isolation and not having to explain their care to those that might question their actions.

Many healthcare policies brought on by the Covid panic have provided dangerous leeway for healthcare facilities. KSHF believes the intention of this bill, likely encouraged by these health providers, will give them undue immunity through their policies that encourage negligent care and treatment. Also, under the amended bill, these facilities can continue their present policies by claiming they are following “guidance” or payment rules of the federal government.

We learned through Covid that when family members are not allowed to be present at the side of their loved ones, care suffers, and mistakes are made. When families are not allowed to be present, certain protocols and medications might be given that would be opposed by both the patient and their family.

We believe that in Kansas unnecessary deaths and abuse occurred that would never have happened if loved ones had been allowed to be present. Healthcare including masks and vaccines must never be forced against a person’s free will. I am glad to stand for questions.

We strongly urge you to oppose passage of HB2264.

Respectfully,  
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Louisburg