Public Health and Welfare Proponent SB391 Written Testimony Only February 15, 2024

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I urge your support for SB391.

How can it be right in Kansas for the un-elected Secretary of Health and Environment or for that matter local health officers, to unilaterally impose quarantine upon unwilling community members? This extra-judicial power is ripe for abuse. Impounding someone is a serious matter that ought not to be decided by fiat, especially not when the authority figure does not face public scrutiny via the ballot box. Please support SB391.

Sincerely, Dr. Jeremy Ims, PhD Overland Park, KS Kansas Senate District #8