

## Iraida Orr

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Ms. Iraida,

I am submitting the attached letter on behalf of Lisa Purkey, for consideration during the Dec. 19th Health Policy Oversight Joint Committee meeting.

Thank You,  
Candace King

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Lisa Purkey, and I am a mother of three wonderful boys under the age of six. When I first heard of Lexie's Law it was from our great friends, Bryan and Kim Engelman, who went through the devastating loss of their daughter due to careless childcare. There are so many issues overlooked within our law system today, and it seems heart-breaking that it took such a tragedy as this, to set into motion adequate laws that can prevent such careless incidents from occurring again. I strongly believe that Lexie's law has prevented numerous life threatening incidents in our childcare system. It has given parents, including myself, more peace when leaving our children at preschool or with a child care provider. I know that if anything were to go wrong with one of my children that every teacher and children's worker has extensive training in pediatric first aid and CPR. I also know that they are trained in child development, supervising, diapering, toilet practices and safe sleep practices. As a mother, this law ensures that EVERYONE who comes in contact with my children at a childcare facility, or a school, is confident in dealing with any situation that may arise.

The online portal is another extremely helpful tool that Lexie's Law provides to parents. When my son Jaxon was close to preschool age I knew I had to begin the search of a good preschool. Because I had access to the online portal, I had the ability to review inspection reports and find a quality preschool close to our home. I have been very pleased with the selection we made, and because of the online portal, it was not time consuming or stressful.

As parents, it is our responsibility and duty to be concerned about our child's safety and health, and therefore, we are compelled to ensure that our state enforces laws necessary to protect our children to the highest standards possible. Thankfully, with Lexi's Law in place, all Kansan parents are able to feel a greater level of peace, security, and confidence when entrusting our most treasured and valuable possession, our children, with teachers and childcare workers. I believe I speak for every parent by stating that Lexi's Law, should ALWAYS remain in effect not just within the borders of Kansas, but in every state within the United States of America.

Lisa Purkey