

HB0087 Public Health- Immunizations- Minor Consent (Access to Vaccines Act)

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**Oppose**

Dear Delegates,

I'm writing as a Maryland resident to ask that you oppose HB0087: Minor Consent- Access to Vaccines Act. As a parent, I have grave concerns about this bill.

Parents must be involved in the health care decisions of their minor children. This bill erodes parental rights, and with a decision that involves health, that can have fatal or irreversible consequences. Frighteningly, this bill calls for immunizations "whether or not a parent is not reasonably available or OBJECTS to the provision of the immunization; etc." Maryland has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country; there is no need to erode parental rights for this issue. This bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
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