

## HB1084 Written Testimony In Opposition

Hello, I am a lifelong resident of Maryland and am here with you today out of sheer terror as it relates to this bill.

I have two boys age 12 and 14 and under no circumstance would I ever consider making them part of a medical experiment. And in a democracy that is my right.

There have been thousands of calls and emails from concerned Maryland parents all around the state, to Delegate Pena-Melnyk to remove this bill, yet here we are.

As a mother who has been blessed with two healthy boys, why would I consider risking their short or long-term health for a vaccine that does not reduce transmission or infection? Why wouldn't I instead take the risk of getting a respiratory illness that is treatable and 99.8% survivable? That's not a selfish question. My husband and I thought long and hard about what would be best for our community, our friends, our parents, our children. Because we weren't sure, we waited.

Boys have a 1 in 50 chance of Myocarditis from the vaccine. Myocarditis is not treatable-it weakens the heart muscle and there is no turning back for these boys.

Here are some questions for you:

1. Why do we need the State Department of Education to be involved with my family's medical decisions? Are they knocking education out of the park and have free time?
2. Why are we still sticking with the narrative that the covid vaccines are good for us?
  - a. As of last week, according to the CDC, VAERS has 1.9M reported adverse effects and 24k deaths directly attributed to the vaccine.
3. Why does the State believe that we should still be encouraging vaccination when it does not stop transmission or infection rates?
4. Why are we still ignoring the early treatment protocols that have saved hundreds of thousands of lives and only mandating vaccination?

This bill is riddled with coercion, enticement and it circumvents the traditional doctor/ patient relationship. The scariest part is this: With this bill, we completely take that right away from parents and give it to pharmacists who have no training, who are not more qualified than my doctor, are not equipped to handle adverse events, and have no systems in place to mitigate mistakes or risks.

Where there is risk, there must be choice. I implore you to vote NO on this bill.