

March 10, 2022

To: Health and Government Operations Committee

Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and committee members,

I am submitting UNFAVORABLE written testimony for HB 1084-Covid 19 Response Act 2022.

This bill and its proposed policies are now outdated related to the Covid 19 pandemic.

It is common and accepted knowledge that the Covid19 vaccine prevents severe illness and death from the virus. It does not prevent susceptibility or transmission of the virus.

It is common and accepted knowledge that children and young adults are at the least risk for severe illness and death from the virus.

We do not require young adults and children to acquire the flu vaccine every year to participate in activities of daily living like attending school or participating in activities.

We have data to show that contract tracing is cumbersome and an inefficient way to attempt to prevent spread of the virus.

We have data to support prior illness triggering an immune response to prevent further severe disease from re-infection.

The CDC no longer recommends testing asymptomatic, healthy individuals as a way to prevent spread of the virus.

The Covid 19 virus was surprising and dangerous in 2019 when it first emerged but we know have sufficient data to promote vaccination by choice, early treatment, and healthy lifestyle choices to lower an individual's risk.

This bill is not currently necessary or accurate and therefore I ask you to OPPOSE it with your vote.

Thank you,

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