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The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk The Honorable Bonnie Cullison Health and Government Operations Committee **Room 241** House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0076 – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee.

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously opposes HB 0076 - Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines. The hearing on this legislation was held on February 1, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals at least 5 years old; altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; and making the Act an emergency measure.

Supporting the rights of parents in the medical care of a minor is of the upmost importance to all our citizens and this bill will have an adverse impact on these rights. Cecil County strongly opposes this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Health and Government Operations Committee send an unfavorable report on HB 0076 Sincerely,

Danielle Hornberger

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Jackie Gregory

President of County Council