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Good afternoon!

HB76 (SB18)- UNF

My name is Jill Kapper and I'm a lifelong resident of Maryland who has become more involved in the legislative process over the last few years. I'm here to oppose Bill HB76 because it's dangerous, which is why I'm urging you all to oppose it as well. The article I've linked describes why bills similar to this have become a huge issue. "Vaccinate more people" they say. In this article, the CVS district leader had threatened discipline and staff cuts unless pharmacists convinced at least five customers that week to get flu shots, before flu season had even officially started. "If you get your goal, nobody will come after you". Pharmacists jobs are to persuade patients to get their shots, according to this higher up.

I know at this point, regardless of what any article states, that any business associated with the pharmaceutical industry, like his one, operates in a similar way. Bonuses. More, more and more is never enough. Pharmacists take an oath to uphold patient safety in the highest regard when preparing and dispensing medication. They've complained that it has become impossible to meet demands without cutting corners and of course, once corners are cut, patients (like our children in Maryland) get hurt. Pharmacists are under immense pressure to reach quota and meet corporate goals that are unrealistic.

Despite the thirty minutes worth of education they may receive, pharmacists aren't properly trained when it comes to vaccine injury, to them, such a thing doesn't even exist. 'Journey' is the name of my five year old and I can't imagine her babysitter (or my sixteen year old) taking her into the store to be aided in receiving any medication, let alone a vaccine where the industry has no liability. The fact that it's become so easy for predators to prey on our children is why we need your help. We all need to strongly oppose this bill so that our children here in Maryland can be as protected as possible from what's nothing short of a drug cartel.

Thank you for listening

Prescription for disaster: America's broken pharmacy system in revolt after burnout and errors:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2023/10/26/pharmacy-chains-dangerous-conditions-medication-errors/71153960007/?fbclid=IwAR3e1fswPqF0LHVDQIOVpdoDidGgNmoTSwIVHeuH2qowbz6f62liJdXQgcs>