

**Bill Number HB 0076 (SB0018)**

**OPPOSED (UNF)**

**HGO Committee,**

I oppose HB 0076 for a few significant reasons.

- Authorizing pharmacists to order and administer vaccinations would risk harming and over-vaccinating children. Without consulting the child's pediatrician and parent for each vaccination, previous doses and individual adverse event history would be unknown. This would only increase adverse events. Adverse events are already **exponentially higher** since COVID than all recorded events in the last 30 years combined.
- A proper Risk/Benefit analysis would not be possible without the Pediatrician and parent required in the process. Neither the pharmacist or the child will know the child's health history and personal contraindications to any vaccine.
- The bill violates Parental Rights, Childrens Rights, and the Right to Informed Consent. How can a minor be responsible to determine informed consent without the help of their doctor, parent, and health history. This bill does not require the Pharmacist to check any of this information.
- Bill sponsors keep trying to "Slide This Past" each year even though it was written as part of an Emergency Use Authorization Bill intended to expire in 2022. There is no longer an Emergency. This is not needed and would not help children. It would only help the liability exempt Big Pharma sell more inadequately tested vaccines.

Thank you for your service to Maryland,

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