

HB 1135 - OPPOSE

Delegate Bagnall, Delegate Cullison, and members of the Health Committee-

I'm writing as a mom adamantly opposed to HB 1135. To be honest I was appalled to see yet another bill submitted that further distances Maryland children from safe healthcare. How far over the rails is this going to go?! For almost a decade, I've had to write in or come and speak against bill after bill like this that never seem to be in the best interest of parents and children, but sure do have financial benefits for their only supporters. Parents never come in asking for this!

As a busy mom, I can tell you that there is little to no appeal as far as access goes here. To be able to use this, I'd have to watch a video training, keep it at the right temperature, worry about administering it properly, and then on top of all that- after the vaccine is used I'd need to safely and appropriately dispose of medical waste **THAT CONTAINS LIVE VIRUS?! Everything about this sounds like it needs to stay in a medical facility with a trained medical professional.**

I am also beyond concerned about the "caregiver" language in this bill. This is a live virus vaccine with EGG allergens (one of the three most common food allergies in children)- although the entire premise of this bill is off the mark, not ensuring parental consent and administration in the bill language is egregious.

I urge the committee to give HB 1135 an unfavorable report.

Respectfully,

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