

HB 1171 – Labor and Employment – Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Davis, Vice-Chair Dumais, and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

On behalf of my husband and myself I am writing to convey my STRONG SUPPORT for HB 1171 – Labor and Employment – Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal. This necessary bill protects both employees and employers in Maryland.

In my personal experience, I work with a small team of just 10 people and I have already had one co-worker miss time from work due to illness resulting from COVID vaccination, and another co-worker whose family member also had to take time off from his job following COVID vaccination.

Of particular concern, the COVID vaccines were fast-tracked into initial use and there is no long-term safety data available. All previous attempts to develop and gain approval for a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine have been unsuccessful. Clinical trials on the various current vaccines, some of which use brand-new technology which has never before been applied to vaccines, will not be finished until 2023.

In the meantime, there is no liability for the vaccine manufacturers or for any provider administering the vaccine should adverse events occur. Individuals taking the vaccine are totally doing so at their own risk, and according to the CDC adverse events so far from COVID vaccines have been reported at rates significantly higher than other vaccines. More than 1,500 adverse events and more than 1,000 deaths have already been reported following COVID vaccination in the first three months of administration of these vaccines, with a statistically significant percentage of reported adverse events listed as “Serious.” Since according to the FDA and others including Harvard University, as few as 1% of adverse events are actually reported, the real totals are likely considerably higher.

Also, these vaccines aren’t even claiming to prevent COVID-19 transmission, which until now has been the stated purpose of vaccination (“vaccine-preventable” diseases, etc.), and many people who were recently vaccinated have subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.

I fully accept my personal right and responsibility to evaluate the potential risks and benefits and make informed decisions regarding my health based on my own individual situation. My family should never have to be afraid that I might lose my job over this vaccine about which I have serious safety concerns. The government and employers have no business in this personal medical decision.

This bill would protect me and my job, and would also protect my employer. Please return a FAVORABLE report on HB 1171 and encourage your fellow legislators to support it as well. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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