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Favorable Testimony

HB 1150 - Health - Authority of the Secretary of Health and Medical Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Pena-Melnyk and committee members:

I urge you to adopt a favorable report on HB 1150 which would in time of emergency alter the law that prohibits a parent or guardian from being required to present a certain certificate of immunization under certain circumstances to be admitted to school to apply only to public schools; requiring the Secretary of Health to include an exclusion for certain individuals when exercising certain authority; and prohibiting an individual from being required to provide proof of a medical examination, a vaccination, a medical test, or any other medical information to obtain employment or to travel by air or otherwise.

I am submitting emails of people from all over Maryland who are concerned about the government's overreach during times of emergency as well as a study conducted by Dr. Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University.

As much as government needs to reasonably respond to an emergency, government needs to be restrained from overreaching into decisions best left to individuals. It is the individual that will make the best choices for themselves, their families and our communities, particularly during a health emergency. Let's not put more obstacles in the way of individual freedoms. I urge the committee to support the right of individuals to be able to go to school, gain employment and travel without having to submit to more government mandated programs and vote for a favorable committee report on HB 1150.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cox'.

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