

March 2, 2021

Dear Health and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing as a Maryland resident to ask that you oppose HB1040: Health Occupations - Pharmacists- Administration of Vaccines.

Health issues and milestones for development can be missed if children are going to a pharmacy to get all their vaccines. As a parent, I can tell you this would become the norm, because lifestyles are too busy. It is important that children are seen for well visits by their doctors to assess family medical health history and to determine what's outside the norm for a child's situation (i.e. physical/mental growth trajectory, eye screenings, etc).

Additionally, this bill came up last legislative session as SB355 and HB530 and was given an unfavorable report by both the Senate and House committees.

Sincerely,

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