

March 2, 2021

Dear Delegate Pendergrass and Health and Government Operations Committee Members,

I am writing to request that you kindly oppose House Bill 1040: Health Occupations – Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines.

I am concerned about the number of bills that I have seen which attempt to broaden those who can administer childhood vaccinations. As a parent of a child with a complicated medical history, I would only wish for my children to be administered a vaccine by their pediatrician who has followed them since birth. I do not believe it is safe nor necessary to allow pharmacists or dentists to administer shots to children. Children need to be seen by their pediatrician. What will happen if parents stop taking their child to the doctor? They will be able to get their child's vaccine while shopping at Target and skip their child's wellness check.

I ask that you please oppose this unnecessary bill and keep the job of children's health in the hands of pediatricians.

Sincerely,

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