

SB839
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I am strongly opposed to SB839.

If the purpose of the vaccine passport is to corral COVID-19 and minimize the spread, the vaccine has proven ineffective with the latest variant. Given that the vaccine is not curbing the spread of COVID-19, proof of vaccination would be irrelevant.

Moreover, requiring businesses to check a passport would come with a higher cost of doing business while diminishing the potential pool of patrons. Why would a business open in Maryland if they could open in a state without these restrictions? Furthermore, businesses currently operating in Maryland would have a strong incentive to relocate outside of Maryland if SB839 were to take effect.

Now more than ever, we need to heal our state, economically and communally. We need to set aside legislative initiatives that no longer apply.

Please vote against SB839.