

SB839/SB840
UNFAVORABLE
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I thank you for the work you do for the citizens of our state. I ask you to oppose these proposed bills in order to preserve our rights and those of future generations. These bills, if passed, can be slippery slopes to the degradation of our rights as Americans as protected by both our state and national constitutions. Thank you for your consideration and the work you do to protect the rights of Marylanders.

SB 839:

Why I oppose this bill:

1. One's medical information is one's own business and should not be used to discriminate and segregate citizens based on vaccine status. Vaccines are not safe for everyone and individuals need to have complete control over their medical decisions. I have several family members who have vaccine injuries and can no longer receive vaccines. It is discriminatory to segregate these individuals in various societal situations.
2. No business should be discriminating who can or cannot use their service based on COVID or other vaccination status especially vaccines that are still only Emergency Use Approved.
3. The CDC itself has said that the vaccinated can both get and spread COVID virus. Many unvaccinated people have natural immunity which is cross protective, enduring and a benefit to the public.
4. One's medical information should be protected information but we have seen repeatedly that "protected" information can be hacked.
5. Vaccine passports have been withdrawn across the globe. They are unnecessary and represent a violation of personal freedom, privacy and health choice.
6. Public funding would be used to develop and market an unnecessary program which lays the foundation for chilling government tracking, surveillance, divisiveness and control.

SB 840:

Why I oppose this bill:

1. I oppose any vaccine passport as our medical information should be private and not used to divide and segregate the population into vaxxed and unvaxxed.
2. Vaccine passports have been withdrawn globally.
3. Pharmacies are not doctor's offices and pharmacists (and their assistants) are not doctors. They should not have the authority to ORDER and vaccinate our children even more so without parental or guardian informed consent.

4. This bill was originally intended to expire by the end of 2022 and it should expire. It was an emergency use bill intended for a pandemic which has passed. The authorizations given in the original bill should expire as intended.

5. The bill is a combination of all kinds of unrelated things, from listing the qualifications for certain practitioners, to rates for an urgent care center to tracking, testing and funding for a virus that no longer exists. Each of these things should be considered separately with thoughtful debate, not thrown together in a bill that is too far reaching.

Regards,
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