

Unfavorable Testimony, SB839 Maryland Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccine Passport

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and committee members:

My name is Daniela DOrazio and I am Romanian American citizen that loves freedom.

I strongly oppose SB 839 and SB 840 because both bills reflects **discrimination, government control, surveillance and an attack on one's physical and mental health.**

SB839 is setting up a wholly new passport system in the declining days of the covid outbreak. This action is contrary to the movement of the entire country and some European countries.

Bill sponsor Senator Rosapepe was the United States Ambassador of Romania. I am surprised that Sen. Rosapepe would bring a bill to this respected body that has the dangers this bill presents. Has he forgotten how easily a population can be controlled by an oppressive government and how difficult it is to bring freedom back to that population? I grew up in Communist Romania and was shot at twice during the Revolution, so I understand how valuable freedom is.

The risks and problems with this proposal are so numerous they overwhelm.

Let's say that COVID-19 vaccine passport is a voluntary thing **than why is the state involved? Is it because when the state wants it to be required, or MANDATED it will have the full structure already there and ready to go?**

As a survivor of Communism, I ask you to mandate freedom and not vaccine passports. Our medical information should be private and not used to divide and segregate the population into vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Moreover, Covid is NO longer a threat but we do have a pandemic of mental illness. Eight students in Montgomery County MD died to suicide, overdose and homicide in the last two months, yet thankfully no child died of Covid in two years. Please spend our tax dollars on mental health treatment and not useless passports and contact tracing for a now endemic virus.

My Covid recovered husband was forced to get vaccinated to keep his job. Hours after vaccination he spiked a 103 fever, crucial migraine and **was referred immediately to the emergency room with stroke symptoms. The next Covid shot could kill him.**

School children are in constant fear of getting traced and missing 5 to 10 days of school with no academic support and therefore add additional anxiety and depression that could lead to suicide.

Covid is NO longer a threat but WW3 is knocking in our doors so Please retract both bills right here right now and make history as a Senator that gave people freedom of choice over one's own body without external domination or duress in the last days on potential peace on earth.

This nation felt strongly enough about the privacy of our individual health information that the federal government set up prohibitions via HIPPA laws that prevent those in medicine from sharing our health information. But, we are okay with handing this same information over to app companies who already abuse other personal information data collection privileges?

Companies that make covid testing and vaccinations are heavily benefitting from widespread government mandates and contracts while people are dying from vaccine side effects or lost of jobs if chose to not bee part of this experimental injection.

SB 839 and SB 840 is an attack on our freedom and privacy I respectfully ask to oppose it.

Respectfully,

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