

Greetings Finance Committee,

I have been a Maryland resident for over 20 years, and I am greatly concerned about proposed Bill SB839. I do not want my tax money, nor any other Marylander's tax money, to be spent supporting vaccine passports. Given that the numbers of covid cases in Maryland has dropped significantly and continues to do so, and given that the CDC has made it publicly known that covid vaccines do not stop transmission, mandating these vaccines for admission to certain venues is absolutely unnecessary. Furthermore, it makes personal medical information public. Our country has worked very hard in recent years to implement HIPAA practices, to protect personal health records, yet this bill would do the very opposite. There are so many important issues that need our tax money. Please don't use it to fund such a ridiculous measure. Many of my friends and family have contracted covid from vaccinated individuals, and yet this bill sends the erroneous message that covid vaccination is effective enough to be mandated. This is simply wrong. Please do the right thing and oppose this bill. Use our money for something that will benefit all of us rather than create even more segregation and fear.

Thank you.

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