

Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
and Members of The Finance Committee  
Maryland Senate  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 839- Maryland Voluntary COVID-10 Vaccine Passport- **OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Kelley and Members of The Committee,

I sincerely urge you to return an UNFAVORABLE report for SB 839 for the following reasons:

- There is no COVID-19 vaccine currently available which effectively prevents infection or transmission of COVID-19. There is no public health justification for limiting access to any public spaces based on vaccine status;
- Vaccine passports have not reduced COVID-19 prevalence or mortality rates in populations where they have been implemented. Implementation of vaccine passports has interestingly had an inverse effect on vaccine uptake in several countries;
- Currently available scientific evidence indicates that universal indiscriminate vaccine mandates may increase prevalence and mortality of COVID-19 variants;
- Implementation of vaccine passports may have a negative economic impact on sole proprietors, local businesses, and local economies, and;
- Most importantly, vaccine passports violate the fundamental rights of citizens to medical privacy and individual autonomy, while failing to confer any demonstrable benefit to individuals or groups.

It is for these reasons that I strongly urge you to vote an UNFAVORABLE report against SB 839- MD Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccine Passport.

Thank you for your time,

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