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I am very much against vaccine passports. Although one can call them voluntary, in fact, they are a mechanism of coercion. The first of the ten points of the Nuremberg Code begins as follows: “The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise **free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion...**” No matter how one spins it, these proposed bills SB0839 and SB0840, facilitate and encourage the use of vaccine passports to limit the normal activities of unvaccinated individuals.

As a Biophysicist, I read the peer reviewed literature. There is no question that the current vaccines being urged on Marylanders are experimental. They use technology never before used in vaccines. There has not been time for long-term testing, for obvious reasons. There are serious problems with these vaccines as demonstrated by clinical research in many labs all over the world and by reports collected by VAERS . Thus, not only is it unethical to coerce anyone to inject a foreign substance into their body but that substance could be harmful making the coercion even more unethical.

Finally, when a person has taken a vaccine that is effective at reducing morbidity and mortality, that person should feel safe enough not to expect others to also be vaccinated. Vaccine passports seriously erode the basic freedoms of those who choose not to be vaccinated.