

Dear Committee Members,

Please OPPOSE SB0839 for the following reasons:

1. On the last estimate, 3 out of 4 Americans either had COVID overtly or are vaccinated and did not contract it (or maybe did but it did not present overtly). The other ¼, probably made up mostly of children, already had a COVID infection but it was mild enough to not even present. There is no need to micromanage SARS-CoV-2 at this point.
2. Vaccine passports would funnel money away from other programs that are more vital, such as early treatment. Collectively, there is an abundance of research that supports various therapeutic agents. Let's put money towards this.
3. Vaccine passports are onerous for businesses to implement. This is precisely the reason they have been voted down in many jurisdictions. Small business, especially, are still trying to recover from the shutdowns – let's funnel money to support them.

There is no need for a vaccine passport system in Maryland and as a taxpayer, I oppose this bill.

Thank you,  
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