Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing as a long-time Maryland resident to ask you to oppose SB840. I am greatly concerned with the many things it addresses. First and foremost, there should be no covid vaccine mandates/passports. The CDC has made a clear statement that the covid vaccines do not stop transmission. And recent numbers tell us that covid cases have dropped dramatically and are reported to continue doing so. Clearly, there is no longer reason for "controlling" the covid virus. This bill also speaks to giving authority to pharmacists to administer vaccines to children without parental consent. Since when are children able to make medical decisions for themselves? My children certainly never were. And I've always relied on the advice of my children's doctors regarding medical procedures, not a pharmacist who has no way of knowing the ins and outs of my children's health. I am especially concerned that this one bill covers so many unrelated topics. Why on earth would they all be combined into one bill? That's ridiculous. It sure seems like the supporting senators want to sneak many things past us constituents. Not at all good governing behavior!

Please please do not allow this bill to move forward!

Thank you.

Lelane Schmitt March 1, 2022