

SB 839

Oppose

Dear Senators of the Finance committee,

I am writing to express my concerns about SB 839 *Maryland Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccine Passport*. I value medical privacy, and don't want the state to have access to an individual's vaccination records. The language in the bill says voluntary use, but it leaves the door open to be changed to required or mandatory in the future. There have been numerous data breaches, even as recent as December 2021, at the Maryland Department of Health.

I shop at small Maryland businesses for 50% of my family's needs, from meats, chicken feed, honey, building supplies, lumber and produce. We go to local farms and vendors as I want to support those in my direct community. If a vaccine passport is required, my support will end, which will hurt both my family and those I support.

If we've learned anything these last 2 years, it is how precious our freedom is. We don't want them taken away. I love this state and all that it has to offer. I'm a lifetime resident. However, my husband and I have been considering moving away due to the politics and covid restrictions we've endured.

I request unfavorable report for the bill to ensure continued freedoms for all Marylanders.

Respectively,

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