## SB 839 Against

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While the title of this bill is Maryland <u>Voluntary</u> Covid—19 Vaccine Passport, make no mistake that once this technology is approved for use in Maryland, it will enable Maryland to become a Covid passport state. This technology, promoted by Big Tech and Big Pharma, will facilitate government overreach which is inappropriate in a free society. This technology also has the very real potential to impact many aspects of life for all citizens in Maryland. With the implementation and utilization of vaccine passports, individual privacy will be compromised. Additionally, it is a precursor to digital identity which will facilitate a digital surveillance apparatus for the government. <u>As a result, vaccine passports and digital id's can force compliance in any area of life.</u>

If you accept vaccine passports, you are essentially giving consent to what may come as a result of its implementation. As a country that was founded on freedom and individual rights, should we NOT be legislating tools that can very easily be used to take away the very rights and freedoms that we cherish as American citizens.