

SB 840

Oppose

Dear members of the Finance and Budget and Taxation committee,

I am submitting my written testimony regarding SB 840 *COVID–19 Response Act of 2022*.

There are far too many issues packed into this bill. In no particular order, here are my concerns:

- **Repealing, reenacting, adding:** The first 3 pages are confusing
- **Incentivizing Vaccines:** By now, everyone is fully aware there are many places to receive vaccines across the state, as 90% of Marylanders are vaccinated. Walmart announces Covid vaccines over the loudspeaker and every pharmacy has covid vaccines available here signage. We shouldn't need to incentivize anyone to get additional booster; its common knowledge and there are many locations to receive a vaccine for those interested.
- **Vaccine Passports:** I'm against any form of vaccine passport. Its discriminating access to individuals based on personal health choices.
- **Emergency Act extended to 2023:** We are no longer in a state of emergency; its time to lift restrictions, contact tracing, and other emergency measures, not extend them another year. Case rates state wide are down to 500 per day, out of 6 million Marylanders. Omicron cases make up 95% of all cases.

I request unfavorable report.

Respectfully,

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