

HB 1376 Support

I am providing my written testimony in support of HB 1376 Labor and Employment – COVID–19 Vaccinations – Exemption Process.

I am a lifelong Maryland resident, a military wife, and a mother of two. I work full time for a defense contractor and happily work to support my family. We cannot afford to live in this state on a single income.

This past fall, my livelihood was threatened because I did not accept an unwanted intrusion in my body, as it violated my sincerely held religious beliefs. The amount of stress I was under due to the vaccine mandate was extreme. I lost sleep, and I lost weight. I never thought that our freedom would be taken away in the United States, but it was.

Thankfully my accommodation request was accepted, but I know for some it was not. This is not acceptable. Due to the health risks of the vaccine, employers should provide an exemption process for their employees.

I am requesting a favorable report in support of this bill.

Thank you,

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