

HB 799- State and Local Government - COVID-19 - Vaccination by Choice Act

SUPPORT

Hello,

I am a constituent of Gaithersburg, MD and urge committee members to support this bill. This bill would greatly benefit my family as we will not be vaccinated due to our religious beliefs. My family has been greatly affected by unfair vaccine mandates. My husband, a loyal and hard worker, has been on unpaid leave since November and we have just about exhausted our savings with only one income. We have two small children. We all got COVID in December 2020 and recovered without issue. My husband has tested his antibody and Tcells as recently as last month, and still shows strong immunity. We haven't had so much as a cold since December 2020. That is until this past January when the stress just became too much, and my husband was hospitalized for it. He was showing signs of a stroke, but all scans were clear, and the doctors described it as stress induced PTSD.

With what we know about how the vaccine works, it shouldn't be a condition of employment. With what we now know about natural immunity, vaccination should not be a condition of employment. Excluding hires based on vaccination status is not scientific but rather discriminatory. Furthermore, the country is already facing severe labor shortages right now in almost every industry and we need to keep our critical public services running and they can run safely regardless of vaccination rates.

I'm urging you to support this bill. Thank you for your time, Jacquelin Zubko-Cunha