

Dear Members of the Maryland House of Representatives,

I am writing to support HB 799 and HB1358. As a health professional I support medical privacy and freedom.

Vaccination should never be a condition of employment. I recently had a prolonged Covid infection and subsequently tested positive robustly for antibodies. However, my employer would not acknowledge natural immunity and required vaccination as a condition of further employment. Therefore, I was vaccinated on Jan. 4, 2022 and fell very ill that evening. With a severe fever and ptosis of my left eye, I was referred to the ER during a virtual medical appt. due to concerns of stroke symptoms. The reaction was severe and lasted 4 days. All of this was needless since I already had strong immunity to Sars-Cov-2.

I respect the rights of individuals to assess their risk/benefit ration when considering any medical treatment, therapy, or prophylaxis, as well as their right to privacy regarding their decision. To restrict ones rights based on these decisions is immoral and unethical.

Please pass these bills and protect Marylanders rights for medical freedom.

Sincerely,

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