I am providing my written testimony in support of HB 1291 Public Schools - Student Immunization Requirements - Authority.

As a mother of two children in the Maryland public school system, I support this bill. I do not want my children to take any vaccine that is approved only for emergency use authorization for a virus that has a .002% risk of death for school children. The side effects and risks of the vaccine are far greater than getting the virus itself.

One of my children had tested positive for Covid-19 last summer; the other did not, although she maybe have been asymptomatic. We did retest 10 days later but did not test for antibodies. The child who had covid had very mild symptoms. She now has antibodies. The CDC published a report on January 28, 2022, stating that natural immunity was six times stronger during the delta wave than vaccination.

Until there is additional research and long-term studies of the effectiveness and side effects, please do not require additional experimental EUA vaccinations for our children.

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

Thank you,

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