

HB799  
FAV

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I support HB0799 State and Local Government - COVID-19 - Vaccination by Choice Act

There are many reasons I support this bill as I have seen first hand and hear from many about the adverse collateral impacts when covid-19 vaccines are mandated as they have been at the University System of Maryland as announced on April 23, 2021.

The impacts to USM employees who responded on an unsponsored information survey included these comments:

- Under mental duress, being expected to take a booster shot has more risk than benefit; if I don't, may lose job, health insurance, and way to pay bills and take care of family
- Ostracized in my office: only one with an exemption, no one will even talk to me anymore.
- Terrible anxiety exacerbated by being required to do weekly testing / daily scans yet vaccinated people are not required to do the same & scared if I don't I will lose my job. Was a time only unvaccinated people had to mask & would judge me as disease carrying because that's how it's portrayed by the university and in the media. Have never felt this type of discrimination before which caused me a lot of emotional pain and tears.
- Coercion under the disguise of implied consent. Consent or be fired. What choice do you have? You have a family and need a job. Or be fired, lose your retirement, kids college. Harassed to submit to something against your values and belief. Yes it negatively impacted my life for a period of time.
- Constantly worried about getting fired and being unable to provide for my family.

Please see the full preliminary survey impact report from the USM Covid-19 mandates in the files also submitted which includes the impacts to students, families and employees..

For these, and other reasons, I support HB799.

Thank you,  
Denee Daly