

**HB779: Vaccination Requirements- Provision of Services- Statement of Prior Viral Infection**

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**Love Maryland PAC**

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Distinguished Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

The Love Maryland PAC comes before you today to testify in strong support of HB779.

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 has necessitated the development of many tools over the past 2 years. Testing, vaccination, widespread use of treatments, and antibody testing. The PAC is proud of how far our state has come in following the science and getting back to 'normal'.

Individuals who can attest to COVID-19 immunity must be able to continue to access vital services across the state. We know that science has shown natural immunity is a stronger reduction of transmission and contagion than vaccination (page 48 of Pfizer's FDA submission: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144416/download>).

We therefore support this bill, that will allow the state to continue to follow the science of COVID-19 transmission and contagion while moving us all back to the level set point where we belong.

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Chair

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