

**HB799: COVID-19 Vaccination by Choice Act**  
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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 HB799.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is an incredibly personal choice, given the lack of long terms safety data and the acknowledgement by all vaccine manufactures of COVID-19 vaccines that vaccination does not reduce transmission or contagion (example, page 48 of Pfizer's' FDA submission: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144416/download>; Johnson & Johnson's FAQs: <https://www.jnj.com/covid-19-vaccine-candidate-trials>). Both safety studies will not conclude until late 2022 to mid-year 2023. Given that we are still in the safety trail phase of these new vaccines, employers must be prohibited from mandating vaccination as a condition of employment.

Make no mistake, the PAC fully supports our citizens having access to the COVID-19 vaccine and all recommended boosters. But, we do not support draconian and anti-science policies that would allow discrimination by private capitalists or state sponsored entities based on someone's private health data.

We therefore support this bill and thank the committee for your time today.

Megan Montgomery

Chair

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