

MATT MORGAN
Legislative District 29A
St. Mary's County

DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Health and Government Operations
Committee

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation



The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 310
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-841-3170 · 301-858-3170
800-492-7122 Ext. 3170
Matt.Morgan@house.state.md.us

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Delegate Shane Pendergrass
Chairman, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD

HB 799- State and Local Government- COVID 19- Vaccination by Choice Act.

Dear Chairman Pendergrass and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring before you HB 799- COVID 19 Vaccination by Choice Act.

Those who support a vaccine mandate/ vaccine passports say that it would protect public health. However, data has shown that **no COVID vaccine prevents transmission of COVID-19**, in fact, the CDC has reiterated that **the virus spreads regardless of vaccine status**.

Therefore, there is no logical reason to implement a COVID vaccine mandate from a public health perspective.

Furthermore, it is clear that some of our population is experiencing adverse effects from taking the vaccine. I feel it is wrong to mandate policy for a vaccine that has no public health benefits and potentially causes harm to individuals.

More importantly, as Marylanders and Americans, we are charged with safeguarding liberty and being the beacon of democracy in the world. As we move past the panic of the past two years, it is time that we continue to restore and defend individual liberty and the freedom to make medical decisions for oneself.

This bill sets the example by prohibiting state and local governments and government entities such as publicly funded schools and universities from requiring a Covid- 19 vaccine as a requirement for employment or continued employment.

Please vote on the side of liberty and pass HB 799 out of committee **FAVORABLY**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Matt Morgan
Delegate