

Written testimony for HB0779.

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I am a registered democrat living in West Laurel (20707), and I support HB0799.

I am strongly in favor of this bill (HB0779) for many reasons, but mainly because I do not believe that requiring the reporting of V status or natural infection history to enter establishments, attend school, work, participate in activities in society is ethical or necessary. It is also an invasion of privacy. There are many of us that have had the natural virus and now have robust antibodies. A person's vaccination status holds no weight when it comes to safety, transmission, contraction of Covid. There are also individuals that have been vaccinated that are not immune (did not develop antibodies from the vaccine). I have family members that chose to get their antibodies tested one month after being vaccinated and showed NO signs of antibodies. This will lead to healthy unvaccinated individuals who are not carrying the virus, or have natural immunity from a previous infection will be discriminated against like they have been over the last year. No one should have to show any sort of proof of status to participate in society, or even be required to sign forms stating that they've had natural infection. Communities are removing these restrictions and we need to follow suit and make sure it doesn't happen again. We need to follow the science and protect the privacy and health decisions of Marylanders.

Medical decisions have always been private, and respected. This should remain. Please VOTE YES on HB0779.

Thank you,

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