

HB 1189 Public Health - Vaccines Administered Under Emergency Use Authorization - Reporting of Adverse Events

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Gaithersburg, MD and urge committee members to support this bill. VAERS is a critical warning signal tool that has been around since 1990. In response to NCVIA, CDC and FDA established VAERS to aid in compensating individuals of all ages who have been injured by vaccines that are listed in the vaccine injury table. While this compensation is important, I find it even more important that adverse events be reported for scientific knowledge and research purposes. It's a flagging system that alerts us when something may be wrong with a specific product or lot#. It's imperative that adverse events are reported, particularly for new vaccines. Sadly, VAERS is showing more adverse reactions from the COVID vaccinations than all other vaccines combined. For that, it's being called inaccurate, fraudulent, unreliable. I argue that it's doing just as it was designed to do. Let's not forget it is illegal to submit false claims to VAERS. Implementing a state reporting requirement adds another layer of protection to this system; healthcare workers should be familiar with recognizing and reporting vaccine adverse events if needed. They should be comfortable with reporting these events without fear of reprisal. Again, this reporting is one of the ONLY ways the government and manufacturers can get a true picture of adverse event rates. It would be a catastrophe to not utilize it and protect it. I'm urging you to support this bill.

Thank you for your time, Jacquelin Zubko-Cunha