HB799: State and Local Government-Covid-19- Vaccination by Choice Act FAV Cusack

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

I fully support HB799 as I believe that medical decisions should not be mandated by governments or employers. Instead, medical decisions should be made by individuals working with their healthcare provider.

I believe, in time, all mandates of the Covid-19 vaccines will be seen as a mistake. There should have never been a mandate of a novel technology product with no long-term safety and efficacy data available, especially when both Pfizer and Moderna admitted in their initial filings to the FDA that these products were not known to stop spread or transmission.

Mandates were made despite the fact that Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson are not liable for these vaccines and there is no funded Federal compensation program for the injured. Employees took all the risk. If they were injured by these mandates... they were on their own!

I do not want to see any further mandates put on employees in our state. This bill is very important as these products are proving to have very quick waning efficacy. Will state employees be mandated to be boosted every 12 weeks?

The state should be very cautious about any further mandates of these products. They did not stop spread or transmission and did injure some Marylanders. The state risks that the next time there does need to be a mandate of a proven product, Marylanders are not going to listen.

Please support HB799.

Thank You.

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