

Written testimony for HB0799 (Favorable)

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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 for many reasons, but mainly the fact that it deals with requiring Covid-19 vaccination for applicants or employees as a condition of employment in the state of Maryland. This is not only a violation of privacy, but it is discriminatory in nature. With what we know now about these vaccines, they do not prevent transmission or infection. There are also many individuals that have had the natural infection and have robust antibodies...healthy unvaccinated individuals that have natural protection. In addition, there are individuals that have been vaccinated that show NO antibody response (I have family members who've been vaccinated that were tested a month after vaccination and have no known protection. The fact that you've been vaccination proves nothing in terms of "keeping others safe". Also, Maryland businesses are struggling. Families are still struggling and trying to build back what they've lost during this pandemic. These requirements would only make things worse and further exacerbate the challenges of these difficult times. 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 HB0799.

Thank you,

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