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HB 1292 - OPPOSE

Public Schools and Child Care Providers - Immunizations - Discriminatory Policies Prohibited

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

Secular Maryland opposes the provisions in this bill labeled Article - Education §7-403(c)(2) and §9.5-115(2)(l) that forbids different treatment for students who have not been vaccinated. There may be contexts where an unvaccinated child would face more than the usual exposure to the disease agent. Child custodians, including parents and schools, should treat more vulnerable unvaccinated children differently to avoid the unnecessary high exposure risk to the disease agent. Such discrimination in treatment is not only properly justified, it is positively called for in such contexts, and should not be forbidden.

Respectfully,
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