

HB 1292 Public Schools and Child Care Providers - Immunizations - Discriminatory Policies Prohibited

SUPPORT

Hello,

I am a constituent of Gaithersburg, MD and urge committee members to support this bill.

For many reasons, including my family's religious beliefs, I do not want my children's school attendance to hinge on additional vaccine requirements. My husband has already been placed on unpaid leave due to our family's religious beliefs and we've all but exhausted our savings on one income in Montgomery County. It's one thing to punish adults it's another thing to punish children. Children should not be discriminated against for their medical choices. Excluding children who have a religious objection or medical condition and can't get vaccinated is unethical and problematic on many levels. Picking an choosing when vaccine status applies (ie sports and extracurriculars vs the classroom) discriminates against certain students and is above all, unscientific. It's simply punishing the children and families and not keeping anyone safe.

I'm urging you to support this bill and prevent this from happening.

Thank you for your time, Jacquelin Zubko-Cunha