

February 27, 2023

To the Honorable Committee members:

Re: My testimony regarding SB 0232

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

I am a 64 year old lifelong Maryland resident. I am opposed to this legislation for the following reasons.

- Decisions to vaccinate should remain between a citizen and a physician.
- There must be "informed consent" ....meaning that the practitioner must be well versed in the current health and history of the patient.....and the patient must be of an age where they fully understand the ramifications of what the practitioner is saying. The practitioner must also present the pros and cons to the procedure and any alternative options.
- I do not see how a pharmacist would have the background information with regards to the patient in order to provide informed consent to the patient.
- I do not believe that a child under the age of 18 should be permitted to make medical decisions without the approval of their parent or legal guardian. This has been a historical practice by virtually all societies throughout history.

Please do not move forward with this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



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