

Written testimony against SB 0628 regarding School Based Health Centers

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Please oppose SB 628, or work to amend it to safeguard parents' rights to direct the well-being and health of their children. It is troubling that the government is considering using and building out the infrastructure of schools to usher in federal health recommendations. COVID, the lack of transparency about studies and safety, the warp speed development, and rush to make these products liability free for life by getting them in the VFC and ACIP schedule, should be a red flag to you that states need to create more autonomy and more lines in the sand when it comes to federal health policy in our communities. Parents, and the "trusted messengers" of school faculty, are being exploited, and should be safeguarding kids against federal health policy, not welcoming it in with open arms. There are ways other than expensive SBHCs for children who are underserved to get the care they need, without tying every county in MD to federal funds and policy. Parents need to be PRESENT when medical care is being administered to their children, and to have a meaningful and thorough ability to give or refuse consent to treatment. This program is clearly not just setting up a policy infrastructure, it is also setting up a data infrastructure that has been called for by Dr. Walensky to have our children's most personal health data funneled to the federal government. What they cannot do with law (for good reason) they are striving to do with incentives. This will be a hugely expensive endeavor for Maryland taxpayers, which will leave our children's most personal information vulnerable to misuse by the federal government. This is the same government that purchased cell phone data in 2021 to ensure Americans were complying with their lockdown guidelines, misused a federal agency to push for unconstitutional and indirect vaccine mandates for employed Americans, and worked with Big Tech to violate the 1st Amendment of Americans questioning COVID policies, or the safety of the shots that had liability immunity under the CICP, now the VICP, and it is only a matter of time before the new "Vaccines for Adults" (VFA) program gets wings and we see the VICP expanded to adult shots as well.