

Dear Senator Augustine and Finance Committee,

As a Maryland Constituent, I am writing to you and other members of the Maryland Finance Committee to firmly OPPOSE Bill SB 372!

Pharmacies are not doctor's offices and pharmacists (and their assistants) are not doctors. They should not have the authority to ORDER and vaccinate our children even more so without parental or guardian informed consent.

I am opposed to expanding vaccination privileges for pharmacists to administer all vaccines to 3-year-olds and up. Pharmacists are already too busy to comply with mandatory counseling regulations, much less keep up with the constant interruption of vaccination. Interruption is a primary cause of dispensing errors. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6499714/>. However, we all know retail chains will jump on this financial windfall and ask even more of their pharmacists and technicians, who are quitting now in record numbers. Please do not aggravate an already dangerous situation by adding this burden to our pharmacists.

Please oppose SB 372!

Thank you,

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