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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Finance Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 372-Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccines

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 372 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

Pharmacies are not doctor's offices and pharmacists are not doctors. They should not have the authority to **ORDER and vaccinate our children even more so without parental or guardian informed consent or knowledge**. The bill mentions nothing about the child having parental consent, only that the pharmacist will inform the child patient and adult caregiver accompanying the child to visit with a primary care provider.

Childhood vaccination rates in Maryland are among the highest in the nation between 90% and 98%. Doctors' offices are meeting any public need for childhood vaccination providers. There is no need for pharmacists to vaccinate.

This bill was originally part of an Emergency Use Authorization bill which was intended to expire by the end of 2022. It did not pass in 2022 and there is no need for a continued Emergency Use Authorization bill for a pandemic which has passed.

We strongly oppose this bill and ask that you vote against it.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers