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Maryland General Assembly Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 699 – State and Local Government – Proof of Vaccination for Employees and Applicants for Employment – Prohibition (Vaccination by Choice Act)

Dear Delegates,

We support HB 699 and respectfully request that you vote for it with amendment.

The devastation of financial and health issues that were created as a result of mandatory vaccines over the past few years needs to be halted and measures put in place that will never allow it to happen again.

This bill would prohibit the State or an employer from requiring proof of vaccination against Covid-19 as a condition for employment.

An amendment would extend this protection to students and staff in public institutions of higher education.

<u>I also propose an amendment</u> that would include the requirement of ANY vaccine, current or to be created in the future to eliminate the effects on our citizens, economy and health that the Covid-19 crisis and vaccination created.

I say this because there have been serious side-effects from the Covid-19 vaccine including deaths of athletes, children and middle-aged people.

Outside of people with co-morbid conditions, most of the population experienced mild to moderate symptoms and full recovery if they were infected with Covid-19. And the injections have not prevented transmission or infection of the virus.

Additionally, there is no reason for anyone who did contract Covid-19, and created a natural immunity to it, to have to have the vaccination.

Please vote for the bill with amendments.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers