

## HB 0699 FWA FAVORABLE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to request you vote FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT on HB 0699 FWA (Vaccination by Choice Act).

I'd like to thank the bill's sponsors: Delegates M. Morgan, Arikan, Baker, Chisholm, Ciliberti, Fisher, Ghrist, Grammer, Hornberger, Howard, Kipke, Mangione, McComas, Miller, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Otto, Schmidt, Szeliga, Tomlinson, and Wivell. You get it!! From a mother of five---THANK YOU!!

Vaccinations should be an individual's personal choice. It is important the State and any political subdivisions of the State be prohibited from requiring an applicant for employment or an employee to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.

There is no evidence that COVID injections prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-key-action-fight-against-covid-19-issuing-emergency-use-authorization-first-covid-19>) and natural immunity should be considered ([Past SARS-CoV-2 infection protection against re-infection: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)). Further, the risks are too high as even the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database is acknowledging with tens of thousands of adverse events and vaccine injuries

We are guaranteed in the US and Maryland Constitutions freedom to worship as we see fit. If an individual's conscience and/or personal religious beliefs dictate keeping one's body pure, then the government must respect and honor that. Also, the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution declares "...No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Requiring proof of vaccination for condition of employment or enrollment in an institute of higher learning does just that.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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