Maryland HB 699 FWA – Favorable with amendment Craig M. Wax, DO 155 N. Main St. Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Thank you for allowing me to speak **in favor of HB699**, **the Vaccination by Choice Act**, **as amended.** Submitted March 2nd, 2023 via web, please find the AAPS, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, statement calling for a moratorium on vaccine mandates, my article titled "Informed Consent and COVID-19," published in <u>Physicians Outlook</u> journal, FDA Pfizer fact sheet, FDA Moderna fact sheet, FDA Janssen(J&J) fact sheet and VAERS COVID Vaccine Report as of February 17, 2023.

I am a father, husband, family physician, school physician, media host and have experience with health policy and its outcomes. In the United States, our system rests on the rights of the individual. We don't force medical or other bodily interventions. No one, no politician, no news media entity, no billboard should stand in the way the patient physician relationship. It is a physician's job to know the history, preferences and medical needs of each individual patient. Informed consent is the discussion and acceptance or rejection of the risks, benefits and alternatives to any medical procedure. It has always and always will be critical for patients to take ownership of their own bodies, using their own unique value systems, not legislated or mandated herd mentality. Even the fact sheets for the COVID mRNA and DNA interventions say, "It is your choice to receive or not receive any of these vaccines..."

As of February 17, 2023, there have been **1,524,481** adverse events reported to VAERS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System for all the COVID mRNA and DNA interventions. This includes 34,478 deaths, 18,649 heart attacks and 26,504 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis and a multitude of other lifetime disease states. Shouldn't participation be optional at best and even removed from the market as the risk of harm outweighs the benefits? There are more deaths and adverse events caused by these interventions than all other vaccines over forty years combined.

On the home front, mothers teach their children, "you don't put anything in your body that doesn't belong there, and don't let anyone bully you into it." That goes across the board from government entities to schools. Ask yourselves, should Maryland schools actively discriminate against students based on vaccine status?

I ask that all here prioritize individual rights, unique needs, and informed consent in your deliberation and approach. I implore you to **support (Maryland) HB699 as amended**, the Vaccination by Choice Act, including all level school students, to prohibit extortion by mandates. **Mandates are unconstitutional, unamerican and un-terrapin**. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted and best health,

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