

## Support HB1161

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Dear Madam Chair, Members of the Committee and the bill sponsors,

I <u>strongly support</u> HB1161 - Public Health – Human Papillomavirus Vaccine – Information and Informed Consent (Christina's Law).

I support this bill because I think that health care providers should be responsible for informing consumers about all the benefits and side effects of the product. Then it is <u>consumers</u> responsibility to learn about the product, understand the benefits, calculate the risk and make an educated decision. In this case everyone wins: consumers are educated and health care providers are protected.

Please see some of my arguments for the Maryland **HB1161** supporting:

- 1. HPVs clear naturally 90% of the time in two years with no treatment.
- 2. Cervical cancer is preventable with regular Pap screening
- 3. It is necessary for females to continue with Pap screening even if vaccinated with HPV vaccines because the vaccine does not address all high-risk HPVs
- 4. Rates of HPV-associated cancers ( cervical, vaginal, anal, penile, throat) have been very low in the US, under 1%, even prior to the introduction of HPV vaccines in 2006
- 5. HPV-related cancers are typically diagnosed in people over age 50 with other risk factors.
- 6. Symptoms associated with adverse events following HPV vaccination should be mentioned.
- 7. Adverse events following vaccination can occur weeks or even months after vaccination.
- 8. In post-licensure safety surveillance, the VAERS reporting rate for Gardasil was 3x greater than that for all other vaccines combined.
- 9. Females positive for HPV 16/18 who then get HPV vaccines could thereby increase their risk of getting cervical cancer by 44.6%. There is no pre-testing to see who is vulnerable
- 10. The vaccine contains known neurotoxins like aluminum and has not been tested for interaction with other vaccines given concurrently like COVID-19 vaccines.

Many thanks to the bill sponsors for introducing this important bill.

Please vote favorably.

Thank you, Elena Urman A resident of Montgomery County, MD