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### FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT (FWA)- HB 699

Dear Chairwoman and HGO Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mom, a licensed therapist and founding President of the non-profit, health advocacy organization, Health Choice Maryland. On behalf of its members, affiliated advocacy groups and concerned citizens, we strongly support HB699 which prohibits employers and the public university system from mandating proof of COVID19 vaccination for employment or participation in the educational system.

None of the COVID 19 vaccines have been fully tested for safety and efficacy. While the vaccines have FDA Emergency Use Approval, these vaccines are still in the experimental phase and long term data regarding safety and efficacy are still pending. Vaccine development is typically a long process taking many years. The COVID 19 vaccines were fast track approved. Past experiences with fast track approved vaccines have resulted in irreversible, unintended, serious adverse consequences.

For details about unanticipated adverse outcomes from other rushed-to-market vaccines like the swine flu vaccine in 1976 and the H1N1 vaccine in 2009, as well as previous vaccine testing for SARS and MERs, I refer you to our lengthy open letter posted on our website: <https://healthchoicemaryland.org/open-letter-to-chancellor-perman-and-board-to-rescind-covid-vax-mandate/>

These experiences and current data about blood clotting and myocarditis following COVID 19 shots counter Chancellor Perman's statement that "*the risk of vaccines is very low, whereas the risk of COVID is very high.*" COVID vaccines have not been tested for impact on fertility, carcinogenicity, disease enhancement or interaction with medications or other vaccines given concurrently. The truth is, it is too soon to know what the serious long term effects will be. It is for that reason that, by law, products that are emergency authorized can only be offered or administered on a voluntary basis with the right to decline vaccination without recourse.

Proof of COVID vaccination should never have been required. **Please pass HB699.**  
Thank you.

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