

HB699
Favorable
Love Maryland PAC

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Distinguished Members of the HGO Committee,

The Love Maryland PAC submits testimony to request a favorable report on HB699- Vaccination by Choice Act.

As we have seen over the past 3 years, there continues to be many unknowns regarding Covid- including transmission, contagion, and the limitations of prophylactic treatments including vaccinations and treatments.

The science is now clear that the current vaccines do NOT reduce transmission or contagion. Please see the FDA filings of the vaccines below for further information:

Johnson & Johnson: <https://www.jnj.com/covid-19-vaccine-candidate-trials>

During the study, the company may learn new information about the study vaccine such as risks. Your study doctor will tell you as soon as possible about any new information that might make you change your mind about being in the study. It is possible that you will not benefit from participating in this study because we do not know if the vaccine works to prevent COVID-19 disease. There is a small chance you may have a bad reaction to the vaccine or that the vaccine may make you sicker if you do get COVID-19.

Page 48 of the Pfizer FDA submission is also attached, which states that the Pfizer vaccine (like all mRNA vaccines) DOES NOT REDUCE TRANSMISSION OR CONTAGION.

The only way to "slow the spread"/reduce transmission and contagion is to wear a mask, social distance, wash hands and stay home if you are sick: Here's why vaccinated people still need to wear a mask: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/08/health/covid-vaccine-mask.html> "Vaccinated people who have a high viral load but don't have symptoms "would actually be, in some ways, even worse spreaders because they may be under a false sense of security," Dr. Maldonado said."

While for some groups, the vaccine benefits outweigh the risks- we are still learning of some of the risks of these novel mRNA vaccines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/adverse-events.html#:~:text=Myocarditis%20and%20pericarditis%20after%20COVID,rest%20and%20felt%20better%20quickly>.

<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20230207/The-safety-profile-and-the-actual-known-adverse-effects-of-COVID-19-vaccines-in-at-risk-and-healthy-individuals.aspx>

Given the limited public health benefit of covid vaccines and the clear risks to certain sub-sets of the population, the Love Maryland PAC strongly supports this bill that prohibits discriminatory hiring based on a person's covid vaccine status.

We are in full support of the amendment to extend the bill for the students of the University of Maryland system.

We ask the committee to provide a favorable report on this bill.