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Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Chairman, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD
HB 699- State and Local Government- Proof of Vaccination for Employees and Applicants for Employment- Prohibition (Vaccination by Choice Act)

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Dear Chairman Pena- Melnyk and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring before you HB 699- COVID 19 Vaccination by Choice Act. HB 699 will prohibit any state or local government entity from requiring a Covid- 19 vaccine for employment. I also have an amendment to this legislation which will also prohibit the Covid-19 vaccine from being required of students attending Maryland State Colleges.

The prevailing data has shown that **no COVID vaccine prevents transmission of COVID-19**, in fact, the CDC has reiterated that **the virus spreads regardless of vaccine status**. Therefore, there is no logical reason to implement a COVID vaccine mandate from a public health perspective.

Furthermore, it is clear that some of our population is experiencing adverse effects from taking the vaccine. Recent reports have shown that it can be especially harmful and potentially deadly for children and young adults. It is wrong to mandate policy for a vaccine that has no public health benefits and potentially causes harm to individuals.

More importantly, as Marylanders and Americans, we are charged with safeguarding liberty and being the beacon of democracy in the world. As we move past the panic of the past two years, it is time that we continue to restore and defend individual liberty and the freedom to make medical decisions for oneself.

Please put politics aside, follow the data and the science and pass HB 699 out of committee

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Matt Morgan
Delegate