

Secular Maryland

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## HR 699 - OPPUSE

State and Local Government - Proof of Vaccination for Employees and Applicants for Employment - Prohibition (Vaccination by Choice Act)

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Kelly, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Secular Maryland advocates for government policies to align themselves as closely as practical to the consensus of the experts on technical issues when there are identifiable experts. We see no good justification for restricting all government agencies from requiring any of their employees to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Enforcing a vaccination requirement is a reasonable and practical way to protect the health of employees and the people that the employees interact with and therefore has sufficient and proper justification.

Respectfully, Mathew Goldstein 3838 Early Glow Ln Bowie, MD 20716