

I am writing in support of HB699 Vaccination by Choice Act with amendments to prohibit proof of vaccination for state university students.

The Lancet¹ recently published a meta-analysis and systematic review stating that **natural immunity after COVID-19 infection is strong against all coronavirus variants**, even after 40 weeks.

Another recent study by the Mercatus Center at George Mason University² found that **indoor vaccine mandates did not reduce COVID-19 cases**.

The FDA³ even admitted “data are not available to make a determination about how long the vaccine will provide protection, nor is there evidence that the vaccine prevents transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from person to person.” Yet, they began to mandate, enforce, and shame people into injecting themselves with a substance our own government couldn’t even prove actually works to protect or prevent transmission—the sole reasons why the vaccine was created and pushed so ferociously on us?

A month ago, the University of Maryland⁴ sent a letter to the campus stating that proof of COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required at UMD. The reason? “The new sub-variants of COVID-19 are not translating into severe illness for most people.”

These mandates and overreaching vaccination requirements must never be required again in Maryland. It causes real economic harm to the citizens and taxpayers.

We demand and have a right to equal job access and the ability to receive a publicly funded education. Underrepresented communities especially face an undue burden and harm from these requirements.

Those with religious or medical exemptions have been denied their right to not have a substance forcibly injected into their bodies across the state and country. You may not call it force because people weren’t held down. But when your job or education is on the line and it’s preventing you from taking care of your family or furthering your dreams, people feel that their backs are against the wall and THEY HAVE NO CHOICE but to comply.

That is what these requirements do. They force people to “make a choice” that isn’t really a choice.

¹ The Lancet. “[Past SARS-CoV-2 infection protection against re-infection: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#).” Published February 16, 2023.

² Mercatus Center, George Mason University. “[Indoor Vaccine Mandates in US Cities, Vaccination Behavior, and COVID-19 Outcomes](#).” Published February 22, 2023.

³ FDA. “[FDA Takes Key Action in Fight Against COVID-19 By Issuing Emergency Use Authorization for First COVID-19 Vaccine](#).” Published December 11, 2020.

⁴ University of Maryland. “[COVID-19 Vaccination Status Update](#).” Published February 9, 2023.

While I was not personally impacted by vaccine mandates, my husband was. He was an essential worker throughout the pandemic as a mechanic. No PPE was provided, yet he was required to get into people's filthy vehicles on a daily basis.

Masks strewn about, used tissues, and all kinds of biohazards. It was completely fine for him to work, exposed to all variants and hazards, as an essential worker. He was praised, until he was not.

Many mechanics faced a decision: get the shots or have to spend their own time to get a "free" COVID test, sometimes multiple times a week. The same mechanics who were hailed heroes for continuing their jobs were now being told to inject themselves or jab their delicate nasal passages with swabs repeatedly—with swabs sterilized using ethylene oxide, a known cancer-causing carcinogen⁵.

And they're just one group of hailed essential worker heroes who were suddenly vilified if they did not comply.

Mandates such as the COVID-19 vaccine mandate cause real academic, financial, physical, and psychological harm.

We can never allow this type of overreach to happen ever again in our great state of Maryland.

We're called the Free State for a reason. Let's keep it that way.

I wholeheartedly support HB699 to prevent this type of mandate from ever happening again in the Free State.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in support of HB699 with amendments.

⁵ National Cancer Institute. "[Ethylene Oxide](#)."