

Written Testimony for HB 699: Covid-19 Vaccination By Choice, Vote "Favorable with Amendments"

Dear Health and Government Operations Committee Chair, Vice Chair and all other esteemed Committee Members,

I would like to implore each and every one of you to vote "Favorable with Amendments" on this bill please.

This legislation is an essential step toward freedom to return to pre-Covid life and to put an end to potential harm and irreparable damages done by the Covid-19 vaccine,

I would like all of you to consider these points:

- The Covid vaccines did not stop spread of the virus or transmission of the virus, as promised, and there was never any reason for a mandate. Receiving the vaccine has nothing to do with the community.
- Natural infection, which has been the scientific standard, was completely ignored. It is now an established fact. Those who contract the virus have just as much immunity, if not more, than those people who have received the vaccines but not contracted the virus. And how many people do you all know that received the vaccines and STILL contracted the virus anyway? Most of the people that I know that have received the vaccines have actually gotten Covid, some of those people having had Covid 2-3 times.
- The vaccine makers were NOT liable for any harm, injuries or deaths from the vaccine or any of the vaccine's adverse side effects. How can you mandate a brand new product until there is long-term safety and efficacy data?
- College students were never a high risk group for adverse outcomes of Covid infection. The only thing college students are known for in regard to the Covid vaccine is that the males are in that target range of age 15-30 for contracting either myocarditis or pericarditis, a heart condition that may or may not be permanent.

While some colleges have recently rolled back their Covid passport requirement, it is crucial to include the student body of all USM schools in this legislation. Students should not have to choose between their future and their personal medical choices. A very close friend of mine whose son was going to go to UMBC for 4 years of college DELAYED GOING TO COLLEGE DUE TO THE VACCINE REQUIREMENT. That is how strongly he and his family felt about this new MRNA technology that had no data on adverse side effects, especially for the heart conditions associated with the vaccine for males aged 15-30. And he is not the only example I know. That is approximately

\$100,000 that the State of Maryland lost because he felt it necessary to delay going to college because of the vaccine mandate. And, I imagine, there were others who felt just like he did. I believe the USM system of colleges lost an enormous amount of money, because young adults and their parents decided NOT to enroll in any one of the USM colleges and attend for 4 years, as they had originally planned, or they attended college in another state that did not have the vaccine mandate.

And while some working Americans can afford to resign from their jobs and find another job that does not require the Covid vaccine, most hard-working Americans cannot. I have not personally seen a number for the amount of workers who had to get the shot and then suffered adverse reactions to the vaccine or its adjuvants (added ingredients). But I believe that the number is, most likely, way higher than just one person.

I believe that HB 699 is going to get Maryland on the right track, and, when passed, student enrollment in USM colleges will increase dramatically. I believe that workers will then feel safe to stay in their jobs in Maryland and not have to move out of state in order to find gainful employment without worrying about a Covid vaccine mandate.

Again, please vote "Favorable with Amendments: for this bill. This will put Maryland on the right path!!

Thank you for your time and attention!

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A very concerned mother and Maryland resident