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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 1161 – Public Health – Human Papillomavirus Vaccine – Information and Informed Consent
(Christina’s Law)

Dear Delegates,

We support HB 1161 and respectfully request that you vote for it.

Vaccines have their place in helping to alleviate potential health threats. However, according to the CDC website, in 9 out of 10 people HPV goes away within 2 years.

The CDC cites “People with weak immune systems...may be less able to fight off HPV”.

Therefore, we request that those diagnosed with it, or may be susceptible to infection due to their sexual activity levels, be given recommendations and treatments on how to increase their immune systems. Thus warding off the possibility of HPV infection as well as a host of other infections.

An amendment with language to reflect this would be beneficial in this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers