

Support HB1161

Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee

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

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my strong support for **HB 1161**.

The Maryland legislature works hard at protecting consumers, employees, and children in the state. The laws cover a variety of products and services, especially in the areas of health, living conditions, privacy, and guarding against any potential harm. This bill clearly protects consumers by providing accurate information about potential consequences of their choices.

In addition to making safer products, businesses are required to safeguard data, clean up the environment, provide accurate and clear information, etc. At a minimum, a product consumer should be informed of potential harms. It seems to fit the mission of the General Assembly, and this committee in particular, to require accurate information on a pharmaceutical product, which is the HPV vaccine.

This product has been available for some time. There is scientific research, court hearings, and practical medical knowledge on HPV vaccine. Written in the proposed bill are the facts learned from years of that knowledge. It also has the facts about the laws guarding the liability and administration of the product. This proposal would only strengthen protection of a medical consumer, at a cost of updating documentation and protocols.

I would like to suggest, perhaps as an amendment, that the Maryland Supplemental Information Sheet should be readable without vision assistance devices. No tiny prints! Please vote favorably for HB 1161.

Sincerely,
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