

Testimony in favor of House Bill HB0699 -- William Zwart.

Madam Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Will Zwart, and I am testifying in favor of this bill, because it protects the rights and health care of Maryland citizens.

While I am in support of medical vaccines, as they save lives and prevent societal and personal harm, the Maryland Constitution does not permit the Maryland government to require its employees be vaccinated. This infringes on the right to privacy.

Furthermore, not only will this bill protect personal freedom and safety by allowing citizens to make their own decisions regarding their health, it will increase the level of trust between the people and their government.

A government that does not trust its citizens to make their own decisions will not be trusted by those citizens, and a government that does not have the trust of its people cannot and will not sustain itself.

The right to personal responsibility and decision-making, especially in regard to health care, must be maintained, which is what this bill does.

For this reason, I urge that HB0699 be reported favorably and sent to the floor.

Thank you.

