

Dear Committee:

Thank you for allowing testimony on HB699. I am a resident of Montgomery County and consider myself a life long democrat. However, the democrat response to covid has resulted in my complete switch to the Republican party. Covid vaccine mandates in MoCo were the final straw for me. My children lost many incredible school teachers. My children CAN NOT GET TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH BUS DRIVERS. Teachers and bus drivers told me they left MoCO over the vaccine mandate – just went to Virginia instead. My child couldn't even get a TOUR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – which MY TAX PAY dollars contribute to because of a vaccine mandate. In MoCo my children still can not volunteer at various events because of vaccine mandates. ALL VACCINE MANDATES NEED TO END IMMEDIATELY.