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Hello, Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk,

My name is Andre Cherry. As a concerned citizen, I support the Vaccination by Choice Act. I'm unable to finish my college education because I am vaccine-injured. My suffering began after my second dose of Moderna's COVID vaccine on June 23rd, 2021. Two hours afterward, and for the 614 days since, I've been experiencing violent and debilitating involuntary movements, including tremors, dystonia, ballismus, flaccid paralysis, and more. My symptoms often put myself and my family in danger. Because of this, my life as a young adult has come to a screeching halt; I can't rely on my body to perform basic tasks, much less pursue education or employment. And I am not alone in my affliction; in these past two years, I have come in contact with a vast global network of people who endure terrible conditions post-injection. Many have died, while others have chosen to end their lives to escape their profound suffering.

Though I did not take the shots to comply with any mandate, my experience as one of the many injured by these mRNA injection products speaks to the dangers these mandates pose to the American people. This gene-altering serum is not just ineffective against the spread of COVID; it is also unsafe. To wield the power of the State to force the citizens of Maryland to risk their health - perhaps even their lives - for the possibility of obtaining higher education or employment is to betray the very people you represent. Last year, New York's Supreme Court recognized this in *Garvey v. New York* and decided, "Being vaccinated does not prevent an individual from contracting or transmitting Covid-19... The vaccination mandate for City employees was not just about safety and public health; it was about compliance... It is time for the City of New York to do what is right and just." Now it is time for the State of Maryland to do the same by passing this Bill as amended to protect the freedoms and safety of the citizens under your purview.