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Unfavorable SB 18 (HB76)

Dear Chair Beidle and Finance Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mother, licensed therapist and founder of Health Choice Maryland, a large grassroots non-profit organization that advocates for health choice and informed consent. We oppose **SB 18** (HB76) which violates parental rights and the right to informed medical consent.

SB18 seeks to extend emergency use authorizations for a pandemic that no longer exists. There is no need for this bill. Childhood vaccination rates in Maryland have been and continue to be among the highest in the nation. [1] So doctors are meeting the need and we don't need pharmacists to call the shots.

Busy pharmacists will not know the child's health history and they don't have the time or training to treat children. But youth and adolescents are the real target of this bill because they might be in a pharmacy without parents and could be enticed by sugar coated bribes or fear into being vaccinated when they are not able to evaluate the risks.

For example, consumers are poorly informed and misled about the risk/benefit of the HPV vaccine, Gardasil. I know from personal experience. Several years ago my daughter Christina and I were told that Gardasil was "safe effective and would prevent cervical cancer". Chris got the shots and died 18 days after her last injection. We were not told about the risks. It took my experts and attorney 8 years to overcome denial by the CDC but finally they conceded that Chris died from her Gardasil shots. Chris was one of thousands of Gardasil victims.[2]

There were only 300 each of boys and girls 9-15 in the clinical trials for Gardasil. That is not comforting news. Young teens are more highly reactive to the neurotoxic aluminum in the vaccine which can induce autoimmune disorders. Weighing the risks and benefits should clearly be made on an individual basis with informed discussions between the parent/caretaker, child and the doctor.

By law, Pharma, doctors and pharmacists cannot be sued or held accountable for vaccine injuries and deaths. Gardasil is a very expensive vaccine at \$500 to \$700 for the series, so pharmacists find it a lucrative market especially if the pesky need for informed parental consent is eliminated. While this might be great for provider **liability free profits**, it is bad for children's health. Please vote **UNFAVORABLE for SB 18. Thank you.**

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[1] <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/vaccination-rates-by-state>

[2] More documented information regarding the HPV vaccine, Gardasil, can be found here: <https://www.gardasilHPVtruths.com>