

HB1422

Favorable

Love Maryland PAC

Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Good afternoon, my name is Megan Montgomery and I write as the Chair of the Love Maryland PAC to testify favorably for HB1422. The Love Maryland PAC is a consumer advocacy organization who advocates for the citizens of Maryland and does not represent any corporate interests. The PAC supports allowing the citizens of Maryland true informed consent for procedures that would alter the human genome, which includes the right to refuse these procedures without penalty.

This mRNA technology is still in its infancy, and we do not know the long-term effects of multiple overlapping gene manipulations that are not tested together- each product will only be tested independently. These new technologies should not be forced, nor should Maryland citizen's be coerced in any form, to take this technology.

I hope that you vote favorably on HB1422. Thank you for your time.