

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am a Maryland resident from Washington County, and I am writing to oppose HB637/SB385, The Vax Act. This act would be putting healthcare policy into the hands of trade organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Academy Of Family Physicians.

Organizations which should be the ones making policy, like the MD Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations, the HHS, the CDC, and the FDA are only taken into consideration, not followed. The legislatures guidelines are also not considered in this bill. Though the advertisement for this bill is that through this Maryland can issue its own health recommendations, the bill effectively takes the ability to make health recommendations from Maryland agencies and puts it in the hands of national trade organizations which have gone against states' policies in the past.

Please vote unfavorably for HB637/ SB385, The Vax Act. This act works against Marylanders and their ability to receive representation in healthcare.

Sincerely,  
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