

Testimony in Opposition to SB 0083

To the Honorable Members of the Health and Finance Committee:

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to SB 0083.

I oppose this bill because Maryland residents are already facing rising living costs, higher property taxes, and increasing fees. Legislation that adds additional regulations, costs, or administrative burdens makes it even more difficult for families, seniors, and small businesses to remain in Maryland.

The military and professional organizations throughout COVID undertook large-scale persecution of those who dared to contradict the preferred narrative. This had numerous dangerous consequences and critically denied the public genuine information about what was going on. Many who sought religious freedom from government mandates faced penalties. This is a dangerous risk to our freedom.

A significant number of people are moving out of Maryland because of high living expenses and the current business environment. Our priority should be to enhance Maryland's affordability, encourage economic development, and ease the load on taxpayers, rather than introducing new mandates or expanding government.

Before passing new legislation, we should evaluate the long-term fiscal impact and the unintended consequences this bill may have on residents, local governments, and businesses.

For these reasons, I respectfully request an unfavorable report on SB 0083.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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