



SB0385/HB637- Vax Act 2026- Unfavorable

The Love Maryland PAC has several concerns with this legislation, and we ask that the committee give an Unfavorable report to the bill as it is unnecessarily confusing for the parents of our state and is contributing to the over-politicization of healthcare policy.

The Love Maryland PAC has over 3600 members in our state, many of whom are parents of young children. We are hearing a lot of confusion around access to vaccination, but the truth is that—at no point did Maryland families lose access to vaccines, nor did their insurance companies here or anywhere else in the US plan to cut access to them. The media coverage has been unnecessarily sensational and bills like this only cause trust in public health to further deteriorate.

Maryland is one of the best states in the nation for vaccination rates. Five years ago, messaging coming from the Governor's office was to never question CDC guidance on vaccination. Now, the Governor's office is saying not to listen to anything that the CDC says. This bill is a recipe for distrust. It is very short-sighted and potentially harmful without any clear purpose or benefit to the public, who should still be getting their medical advice not from the President or the Governor, but from their personal physicians who know them best. For the people of Maryland, nothing has changed in this regard-- insinuating it has is harmful to faith in public health.

Having policies like this made outside of the legislature are destructive to continuity. Today, we have a Democrat Governor, but out of the last four Governors in Maryland, two have been Democrats, and two have been Republicans. Even within one administration, as you all know, there is significant turnover in appointed positions.

Marylanders deserve to have their elected officials to make policy decisions that are this impactful, to help ensure continuity of policy. We elected you because we trust you, we ask that you do not outsource this policymaking to those not chosen by the people to do this work.

With respect, The Love Maryland PAC requests that you return an unfavorable report on SB 385- Vax Act 2026.

Thank you,

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