

SUPPORT HB1171 – Labor and Employment – Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal

Dear honorable members of the Economic Affairs Committee,
Thank you for serving our community. I am writing to strongly support HB1171, Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal. The safety studies are far from being complete, and I'd like to see the full data before choosing to get this medical intervention. I have a medical condition that was excluded in the trials and it will be financially devastating to my family if I am unable to work in the future as a result of being excluded from the workforce due to mandates.

Currently, there is zero long-term safety data. We do, however, have a history of past medical failures in our country that do not bode well for citizens taking vaccines that were rushed to market. One example is the 1976 swine flu vaccine that caused neurological damage, paralysis, and death in 4000+ Americans. As this 60-minute interview from 1978 reveals, the "U.S. government's publicity machine was cranked into action" to encourage people to get the shot, using many of the same fear mongering tactics we are seeing todayⁱ. The consent form stated citizens were receiving one kind of vaccine, but they instead received a different/untested one. Despite the CDC knowing of the neurological risks from this vaccine, they did not inform those getting the vaccine of these risks. Furthermore, their advertising campaign included a list of celebrities who allegedly got the shot but actually did not. The government then stalled and took years to settle the claims of these victims.

Another example is the H1N1 vaccine debacle from 2009 where hundreds later developed narcolepsy in Sweden as a result of an adjuvant used in the shotⁱⁱ. For those affected, it destroyed their lives.

There are also non-specific effects from vaccines, the likes of which sometimes takes DECADES to discover. An example of such effects includes the unexpected findings of a well-respected Danish medical researcher, Peter Aabyⁱⁱⁱ, and his colleague, Christine Stabell Benn^{iv}. They did a retrospective analysis of over 200,000 children in Guinea-Bissau from 1978–2018 and found that girls receiving the DTP vaccine had a 50% increased rate of mortality. Although an unpleasant finding, these researchers found that there are non-specific effects of vaccines that were only uncovered 40 years later^v. Aaby states that we don't really know what we are doing when it comes to vaccines.

The examples could go on and on (i.e. doctors used to recommend pregnant women smoke cigarettes, that children be sprayed with DDT, and that thalidomide was safe during pregnancy (but later we found it caused birth defects). While I respect and value the education, training, and expertise of doctors and scientists, the fact is that they are human, thus prone to mistakes, and they don't know what they don't know. According to Johns Hopkins, medical error is the 3rd leading cause of death in our country^{vi}. Beyond that, it is not uncommon for drugs once considered safe to be pulled off the market after years or decades of use^{vii}. A recent study from JAMA found that nearly 1/3 of drugs that went onto the market from 2001 – 2010 had some sort of safety event. According to one of the authors of the study, "*The key message with all new drugs and technology is that there is an ongoing learning process that will continue through the lifetime of the drug,*" said author Dr. Nicholas S. Downing.^{viii}" Please note that the mRNA technology being used in these vaccines has never before been used in humans.

With regards to the COVID vaccine, we are seeing the same techniques being used now to coerce, bully, and guilt citizens into taking this product. We truly have no idea what long term effects there are, but it often takes years, sometimes DECADES, for any long-term effects to be revealed. Since

these vaccines are the first to use mRNA technology in humans, this should give us even more reason to pause and use caution before mandating an experimental product. I urge each of you to please vote favorable on this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindly,

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REFERENCES (also uploaded separately as PDFs except where noted below):

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