

## **SUPPORT HB 1171**

**Dear Chair Davis, Vice Chair Dumais, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,**

**I am writing today to request a FAVORABLE REPORT for HB 1171.**

**I am requesting this because we know that Federal Law states that a person must have the right to opt out of vaccination from vaccines that are emergency approved such as the Covid-19 vaccine. Voting in favor of this bill would ensure the right of the employee to freely exercise their rights and have bodily autonomy.**

**Being forced into medical procedures in order to maintain one's job is not how we want Maryland businesses to operate. Maryland employees should not have to worry about losing their jobs just because they choose to decline a medical procedure. The same goes for employers in that they should not have to bear the costly burden of getting involved with possible injuries from forced medical procedures.**

**Ultimately, HB 1171, protects BOTH employees and employers in medical freedom and bodily autonomy.**

**Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Let's work together to keep Maryland a safe and desirable place to live and work!**

**Sincerely,**

**Nicole Hartman**

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