

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. Since the age of 3, I have had a diagnosis of Chronic Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura or ITP. ITP is a blood clotting disorder that causes excessive bleeding and can be life threatening if not managed appropriately. One of the side effects of the Covid 19 vaccine is actually ITP and though it is rare I fear it would affect me more than most. My family and I have lived with ITP for 16 years now and we are well versed in how to prepare for what it brings. Adding the unknown of what this vaccine could do to my chronic condition is not a risk I am willing to take.

I am attaching an article about a physician in Florida, Dr. Gregory Michael, developed acute ITP and 16 days after receiving the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine he dies from a brain hemorrhage.

I currently work full time and am a full-time college student. I fear that I would lose all I have worked for DESPITE my condition if I were to submit to this vaccine as a mandate from an employer. Vaccine manufacturers and healthcare providers who administer the vaccines are exempt from any liability for damages caused by the vaccine.

I do not believe that Marylanders should be forced to risk their health or their ability to make a living. I oppose blanket medical mandates on employees. We are NOT "one size fits all."

I urge you to consider giving a favorable report for HB 1171.

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