

HB1171: Labor and Employment - Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal
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Dear Chair Davis, Vice-Chair Dumais, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

My name is Tina Young, I am the mother of the late Jasmine Imani William - Young. I am representing and speaking on the behalf of Jasmine, my 2 daughters Breanna, Alexis along with my grandson Benjamin and all the beautiful black people in my family and community.

On November 27th 2014, Jasmine gifted our family with a beautiful healthy baby boy, she named him Benjamin, she chose that name from the bible as Benjamin is 1 of 12 tribes. Like any new mother, Jasmine was happy. Soon after delivery, she was offered a flu vaccine and told by the nurse that if she was to fall ill with the flu, her son would surely die. As a new mom, you want to protect your child, out of love and an enormous amount of fear, she accepted the vaccine. She never gave it a second thought, she understood that she was protecting herself from the potentially deadly virus and she was also protecting her son. The nurse gave her the vaccine without providing the proper information about the possible adverse effects of the vaccine. No one ever advised her that there is a small possibility that the vaccine can cause one to become disabled or can cause GUILLIAN BARRE SYNDROME or DEATH (in fact, as a consumer, I nor did Jasmine had ever heard of the syndrome). 6 weeks after the vaccine, Jasmine became totally disabled with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, never to recover, she was never informed of the risk and never had the chance to be the mother she dreamt of. Her doctors at Johns Hopkins confirmed that it was from the flu shot that she received.

On July 26, 2019, Jasmine passed away during the night at home, from the chronic effects of Guillain-Barre. She was 26 years old. No one in my immediate family or community had ever heard or been advised that an FDA approved vaccine can kill you.

People should have the right to decide what is best for them once ALL information is provided. Although Jasmine is no longer here, I have 2 other daughters who are both young, healthy just like their sister, I do not want them to be forced to take a rushed and politicized experimental vaccine so they can earn a living. If Jasmine had been forced to take the shot that killed her by an employer, I would have sued the business she worked for when she became disabled and for her death.

This virus is the most deadly virus in WORLD history. The black community is afraid because of the history and relationship we have experienced in history. There is a deadly history of lies and deceit in our community. We understand the severity of this deadly virus and I take it very seriously, on June 4th 2020 I lost my boyfriend Dwayne Mitchell to COVID, he was healthy and didn't have any health issues, he was only 43 years old. Even though I lost my boyfriend to Covid, I do not want to see anyone be forced to take this vaccine. I know what an FDA approved vaccine that everyone says is safe and effective can do. It took my daughter's life.

The black community needs all information on the vaccine, there has been reports of people dying following vaccination on the vaccine, there isn't enough medical or scientific data for a well informed decision to be made. People are being told that if they don't vaccinate, they can lose their jobs, out of fear, desperation and the threat of losing their jobs, some people are willing to take it. I think it's wrong for an employer to make a life changing threat against their employees UNLESS the employer will provide the adequate finances, long term care and full benefits to their employees should they fall ill or die after vaccination. A full disclosure along with resources should be provided to every consumer should there be an adverse effect. Jasmine was not given that information, allowing people to decide what is best for them with all of the information is the right thing to do.

Please do the job we in the black community elected and trusted you to do, protect and build a healthy community.

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JUSTICE FOR JASMINE



In November, 2014, 21-year-old Jasmine delivered her first child, Benjamin. It was recommended that she receive a flu shot to protect her son. Six weeks later, Jasmine was paralyzed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. She lived for years with paralysis, chronic pain, seizures, strokes, anxiety and depression. In July, 2019 she passed away due to complications of GBS. The following are ways the law and medical system failed Jasmine and her family.

1 INSUFFICIENT INFORMED CONSENT

Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) is an autoimmune reaction that causes inflammation and damage to peripheral nerves leading to paralysis and sensory disturbances. It is a known and compensated table injury in the Federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. The Federal government knows that the flu shot can cause GBS in some individuals. Jasmine was never informed that GBS was a potential risk or what the signs and symptoms of GBS are (numbness, tingling, stumbling- all that she dealt with.)

2 FRAGMENTATION OF CARE

Like most victims of vaccine injury, the person that administered the vaccine to Jasmine was never made aware of what happened to her. We hear repeatedly from vaccine administrators that they do not see injuries. This is because the victims end up in the Emergency Room. Some states are implementing new laws to start their own state level monitoring of vaccine injuries. Vaccine administrators should be alerted if one of their patients is injured.

3 MISDIAGNOSIS

In a Maryland hospital, Jasmine was initially diagnosed with a mental illness, Conversion Disorder, and placed in a Psychiatric Unit. This is a common misdiagnosis for the very real physical injuries caused by vaccines. Our doctors and nurses need more training on diagnosing and reporting vaccine injuries. Jasmine told her mother she felt she was discriminated against because of the color of her skin.

4 DELAY OF TREATMENT

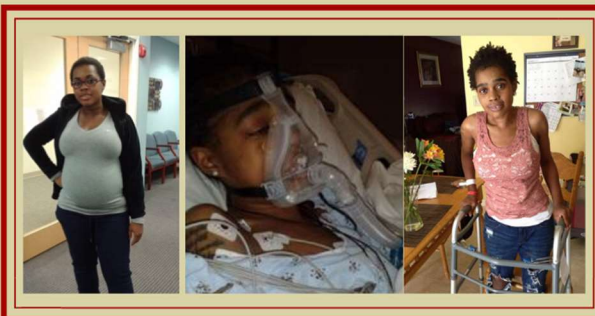
Because Jasmine was misdiagnosed, she received treatment later than she should have. While she was given IVIG, Intravenous Immunoglobulin, it needs to be given as early as possible for the best treatment outcome. Jasmine's delay of diagnosis also interferes with the ability of her family to file for the compensation that she is entitled to.

5 COMPENSATION

Not one care provider told Jasmine or her family that she was eligible for compensation by the Federal government for her injury. Vaccine manufacturers have TOTAL IMMUNITY for their products. There is a tax on every vaccine that goes into the Federal Vaccine Injury Compensation program that we all pay for each time we get a vaccine. Over \$4.2 BILLION has been paid out to the injured and deceased. The maximum payment for a deceased loved one is \$250,000. Sadly, very few care providers tell their patients about this program and due to strict filing deadlines, most find out about it after the deadline to file has passed.

6 NO RESOURCES OR SUPPORT

Due to her age, Jasmine was able to remain on her mother's insurance. Her mother, Tina, was blessed to have a job that allowed her to take on full time care of her severely disabled daughter. Jasmine found no support from the State of Maryland for her disabilities. Most families do not have the resources to pay for the care of loved ones after their vaccine injuries. It is economically catastrophic for their families.



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