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

I am writing to request a favorable vote for HB1171.

I am very much pro-science and have no problems with vaccines; however, I think it unfair that someone could lose their job because they want to wait until the Covid-19 vaccine trials are given enough time to accurately determine whether or not there are harmful short- and long-term effects. While it is wonderful that these vaccines were created so quickly, their sudden celebrated arrival should not trump the real reservations people are having because of the extremely short and limited trials they were put through. I have family members who are nervous about the dearth of trial data and the speediness with which the vaccines were made available, and they should not have to worry about losing their jobs for the aforementioned concerns.

Thank you for your time and the work that you do. I love living in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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