

Dear Delegate Cox,

Thank you for sponsoring HB1150. It is a critical piece of legislation that our great state of Maryland desperately needs.

The lack of long-term safety data and complete absence of animal trials for Covid-19 vaccines makes them inherently experimental, and they will continue to be for some time even after securing FDA approval.

Currently, Experimental Use Authorization prohibits mandating of these vaccines, and yet we continue to hear local discussion about schools and employers requiring it as soon as they can - with some already exhibiting behavior toward employees that is nothing short of coercion.

The continually mounting reports of adverse events, combined with the aforementioned absence of rigorous safety testing, means there is risk. Where there is risk, there must be choice. No resident of this state should have to choose between risking their life with an experimental vaccine and feeding their family - or being forced out of the state.

Further, Maryland will lose many strong and dependent members of its workforce should these egregious steps toward segregation be allowed. Segregating citizens on the basis of refusing a vaccine would be discriminatory. It is my hope that this bill will receive the support it needs to become law, before we see our society reverse course and return to the days of separate water fountains.

Thank you for your continued commitment to upholding our state and federal constitution. Our rights do not waiver or lose their significance when tested by emergencies. I do hope HB1150 will remind members of the legislature who may have forgotten this.

Sincerely,  
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