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I am writing to support HB1150.

I feel that public schools, employers, airlines, public transportation services and other purveyors of access to public spaces **should not** be able to prohibit citizens of Maryland from travel, education or public life based on vaccination status.

I believe that citizens should have a right to informed consent. Citizens need to evaluate the risk vs. reward of a Covid 19 vaccine and make a decision based on their own medical history. They should not feel pressured to make decision in order to be a fully functioning member of society and participate in all facets of public life.

I cannot find any compelling data to show that segregating people by vaccination status and/or restricting access to public life reduces infection, hospitalization or mortality rates. Furthermore, if you compare hospitalization and mortality rates in states with restrictions to states with limited or no restrictions, you will not find any significant difference.

Covid 19 vaccines are currently under FDA Emergency Use Authorization, which does not legally allow any requirement or mandate. Even so, many Marylanders are feeling pressure from employers to take the Covid 19.

These Covid 19 vaccines have not undergone animal testing. The human trials only lasted several months, whereas other vaccines and even drugs usually go through years of testing. According to the CDC's VAERS website, as of 3/14/21, 30,938 adverse events have been associated with the Covid 19 vaccine. Of those, 1,394 were deaths. This is 20 – 30 times more events than are reported for the influenza vaccine. It's also important to note that historically, only 1% of all adverse reactions are reported to VAERS. Therefore, the actual rate of adverse reaction and possibly death is most likely much higher than reported.

Additionally, the CDC still encourages vaccine recipients to wear masks and socially distance. This is because it may still be possible for vaccinated citizens to contract and even spread Covid 19. As a result, mandating Covid 19 vaccinations in schools, workplaces and public spaces is not a reasonable or justified intervention to protect others.

Sincerely,

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