

February 19th, 2021

Oppose Bill HB 1313

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Health and Government Committee Members,

I am writing to you today as a constituent to inform you and your committee members that HB 1313 is not a bill that should be considered for legislation in the state of Maryland.

This bill is in reaction to the Coronavirus Pandemic and an over reaction to the current situation, which we have seen a lot of these days. I ask you why would this bill need to include the HPV vaccine? HPV is a sexually transmitted disease and does not spread like the flu or a coronavirus. This bill is way too broad. Only the coronavirus should be included at this time.

We do not need young adults (college students and such) being treated by a paramedic for whatever reason and being offered the HPV vaccine. Paramedics are not trained in the assessment of vaccine appropriateness. Additionally, who is liable if there is any type of vaccine injury?

The intention of this bill is to improve access to vaccines in emergency situations, HPV is not a medical emergency and does not fit the intention of this bill. It appears to be a money grab for Emergency Medical Services and puts young adults at risk of double vaccination and/or inappropriate vaccination.

Vote no to HB 133!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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