

HB1358

FAV

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Dear legislators,

I am the parent of a MD public university student and a MD private high school student. My children both have religious exemptions from the EUA approved Covid vaccines.

The discrimination and bullying they have been subjected to from their educational institutions due to their vaccine status has been abhorrent. My daughter, who has a 4.0 GPA, plays 3 seasons of sports, and has never been in trouble in her school career, has been excluded from team sporting events and her senior class trip. My son is required to test twice weekly for Covid even though he has already had Covid and is completely asymptomatic. If he does not test, he will be considered non-compliant and subject to disciplinary action, up to and including disenrollment. Both of my children have suffered mental anguish due to the discrimination they have endured.

I am also aware that the 2022/2023 re-enrollment contract for my daughter's school states that the school will have the right to exclude students from any activity the school chooses if the students are not vaccinated for Covid and influenza. I do not believe any educational institution should have this authority, nor should it be legal!

Therefore, I strongly and wholeheartedly support HB1358 and ask you to give it serious consideration.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Quaerna