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**OPPOSE** House Bill 1232 [Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines]

I'm a Maryland resident from Harford County and I strongly oppose HB 1232 and urge the Committee to give it an UNFAVORABLE report.

As a concerned parent and grandparent, expanding pharmacist administration of vaccines is not in the best interest of children, and it is not optimal for safety or healthy outcomes for the child.

Children have complicated recommended schedules, sometimes receiving multiple vaccines at once and require a thorough assessment performed by the physician of a child's medical history, allergies, contraindications before administering any vaccine. Additionally, children deserve providers that are pediatric specialists, who know how to interact with and care for them best, especially those with special needs and disabilities.

Thank you