

I write in support of the proposed resolution to require proof of Covid 19 vaccinations to enter restaurants and other indoor public entertainment venues.

Earlier this fall, I attended live theater for the first time since March 2020. I chose to go to the Olney Theater because they required proof of vaccination to attend. I also chose the Avalon Theater in nearby northwest DC for my first movie in nearly two years because they checked vaccine cards and IDs at the door, too. I will choose to go to restaurants in Washington DC over nearby Bethesda if the County restaurants do not require proof of vaccinations as the DC restaurants now do.

Requiring proof of vaccination to participate in activities such as eating indoors at restaurants and attending performances allows us to “return to normal,” will improve revenues for County businesses, and protect the health of County residents.

I know there will be a public hearing on this issue on Jan.25th, with a vote soon after. I encourage you and your colleagues on the Council to support this measure.