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## ***RE: A Letter of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness Without a Vaccine Passport***

To Whom it May Concern:

Any documentation that *limits individual freedoms* on the basis of biology risks becoming a platform for restricting human rights, increasing discrimination and threatening — rather than protecting — public health. Montgomery County will be in long-term legal jeopardy if the Council moves to vote in favor of Vaccine Passports.

From businesses fighting competing neighboring counties without Vaccine Passports, or “cards”, as Hans Reimer diabolically prefers, to stay open against their competition to county residents who are losing their God-given rights, enduring a new form of segregation and facing more totalitarian regime-like rule over their own sovereignty – Vaccine Passports will **NOT** work for Montgomery County.

### **Gatekeeping**

- Your proposed Vaccine Passport will separate the residents of Montgomery County.
- You will force those who elected not to vaccinate, based on medical and religious freedoms, to congregate elsewhere.
- You will force non-vaccinated residents to no longer be able to patronize local businesses, adding economical and community support.
- You will encourage vaccine prejudice.

### **Administrative Errors**

*It would instill much more confidence in me, and many like me, who are paying attention to how the county is run and operated if you could clean up other outstanding clerical and administrative errors within the county before even breaching such a massive topic as Vaccine Passports. **What are you all doing?***

- Any system of vaccine passports will have errors. Some experts have pointed out that passports may wrongly exclude vaccinated people due to malfunction.
- A reporter for The Washington Post tested one early version of the vaccine passport, which has been deployed in New York City. He found it did not always work and it was easy to set up a fake pass.
- Every time the vaccine passport malfunctions, resentment will grow. Malfunction is inevitable when a pass is used in hundreds of millions of encounters.

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### **Inequality**

- From a progressive standpoint, it is possible that passports may result in discrimination around racial and socioeconomic lines.
- If there are differences in vaccination by gender, race, or socioeconomics, the passport may serve to perpetuate inequality.
- The wrong answer is to disproportionately exclude people from public spaces. That is punitive, unfair, and not consistent with longstanding actual public health principles.

To summarize, the pros do not outweigh the cons when it comes to implementing a Vaccine Passport. It's a lawsuit waiting to happen. It will drain the county. It will segregate its residents. It will upend local, small businesses who will lose patrons. It will strip its county from their God-given and Constitutional rights.

Get your own house in order first before you start implementing something of this totalitarian magnitude. We are watching and waiting for every mistake that will undoubtedly ensue if this is passed. We will protect our citizens and arm them with legal literature, representation and community support to combat these unconstitutional efforts.

Yours Truly,  
Carin E. Brewster  
Watching & Waiting

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