

Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE any requirement to require or show proof of any vaccine in this county.

1. It is now well established that the vaccines do not prevent infection or transmission.
2. The current variant is infecting people who are and are not vaccinated.
3. There is ample evidence to support the use of inexpensive early treatments. There is no emergency and the vaccines that were authorized under emergency use are no longer valid.
4. Any requirement to be vaccinated or show proof of vaccination is an act of DISCRIMINATION.
5. Discrimination in any form is WRONG and should be illegal.
6. Such requirements violate medical and religious freedom.
7. Such requirements impact local businesses and will disproportionately harm the most financially vulnerable populations.

But those are just the obvious implications. I'd like to share a more personal story which will be repeated and experienced by thousands of families if you choose to proceed with this.

I moved to Maryland to be close to my twin nieces 12 years ago. One is a young actress who has a leading role in a play. She wants her entire family to be there. However, due to medical and/or religious reasons, not everyone in her family can attend because the theater company is illegally requiring proof of vaccination with no exemptions. They told her they would accept tests. But they lied – to get her to accept the role. She is only 12 years old and they lied! Now she is devastated that her whole family won't be there for her first big performance and it is tearing the family apart.

Think about the damage that will continue to be done to families throughout this county if you were to implement this. How many birthday dinners with grandmothers and grandfathers will become battlegrounds? How many graduation parties and Easter brunches will become divisive events instead of the family bonding experiences they should be?

No one wants to get sick, but it's not your role to impose useless restrictions that do nothing but harm. Please vote against any and all vaccine mandates. Please take the time to look at the real science and data – not what is portrayed by mainstream media. Please protect children, families and all residents and visitors, by keeping this county indivisible - with liberty and justice for ALL.

Sincerely,

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