Dear Montgomery County Councilmembers,

Dear Montgomery County Council Executive Marc Elrich,

This request is in regard to a topic which will soon be coming before the board. I am writing to ask you to please oppose Vaccine Passports.

There are many reasons why it makes sense to vote NO to the proposed mandate, as stated below.

Operation Warp Speed pushed these emergency "vaccines" out to address the urgent short-term effect of people dying. As far as long-term effects are concerned, Dr. Fauci admits it will take decades to determine the efficacy of the mRNA "vaccine". With unknown long-term data, it seems wrong to force people to "get the jab". People should be permitted to make their own choice as to whether they want to get vaccinated based on their beliefs and/or their doctor's recommendation. How does Politicians dabbling in the scientific/medical/religious field by forcing the Vaccine Passport on us address this concern?

As we know, people who have been fully vaccinated are still contracting and spreading the virus. Even though the push to get the "jab" has been to lessen the severity of the symptoms of COVID, and was most helpful if a person's health is generally compromised and the risk of dying is much higher. Healthy and young people tend not to be as adversely affected. When these people test positive and the get tested for antibodies, their antibody level is as high as those that have been immunized. Unfortunately, these people are being ignored as part of the solution. Again, the Vaccine Passport does not address this concern.

Science has stated the more prevalent omicron variant lives in the upper respiratory system – rather than in the lungs. It therefore tends to be more contagious but less severe while still building antibodies in those that have been infected. So how will the Vaccine Passport address this? Could Omicron be God's way of providing immunity to us all?

The Federal Law, HIPPA, protects us from having to divulge our health records. Also, just as important, it ignores those who have built up a natural immunity through COVID infection(s). Having to show a vaccine passport goes against that right to privacy.

If Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ Lives Matter, then shouldn't **Natural Antibody Buildup Lives Matter**? Discrimination is discrimination. How will the Vaccine Passport not introduce additional polarizing discrimination?

If Montgomery County approves this passport, people who have not been "vaccinated" will take their business to other counties. Businesses will suffer. Please do not add to these already difficult times.

Please seriously consider these reasons. I pray you too will see that opposing Vaccine Mandates is best for Montgomery County.

With kind regards, Mark Lloyd Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to object the proposal to enforce vaccine passports in Montgomery County. As an elected council member who represents the citizens of the County, I implore you to reject the council's recommendation to push this legislation forward in understanding that an overwhelming majority of the community in which you serve are vehemently opposed.

Collective and emerging scientific evidence has illustrated that:

- The Omicron variant's ability to transmit easily but only give symptoms of a cold (see CDC statements identifying Omicron as a mild variant) to most will help communities to achieve herd immunity better than vaccinations.
- Severe related illnesses like SARS (SARS-Cov), and the more severe MERS (MERS-Cov), were short-lived epidemics and resolved without vaccine intervention (2002-2004 and 2012 respectively).
- Points 1 and 2 can be interpolated to illustrate that we are very close to seeing the end of the SARS-Cov-2 (COVID) pandemic without forced vaccinations.
- 4. The evolution of respiratory viruses as they mutate and become new variants is typically shown to produce weaker variants that people with normal immune systems are able to tolerate better. We will have a community of people more adapted to endure future variants with or without vaccinations.
- The medical field has gained significant knowledge on how to treat individuals hospitalized with SARS-Cov-2 to prevent fatalities.
- Medical knowledge and advancements have produced new anti-viral medications specifically for SARS-Cov-2.
- SARS-Cov-2 was not stopped from spreading to America early in the pandemic. Now that this virus is here, it is something that is proving to evolve similarly to the flu and we will need to accept this as fact.

Community effects of passing "proof of vaccination" legislation:

- Requiring patrons to show proof of COVID vaccinations will be unequivocally detrimental to the economy of businesses affected by the legislation in our community. County residents will easily become patrons of businesses in adjacent counties.
- Employees forced to show proof of COVID vaccinations against personal beliefs will create additional losses for our local economy as workers choose employment elsewhere.
- With the SARS-Cov-2 variants that have evolved and are evolving, there is no circumstantial evidence that
  vaccinations will remain effective. This creates an endless cycle of forcing COVID vaccine boosters and showing
  proof to enter businesses, which is extremely hypocritical in relation to flu and other vaccinations.
- Despite a mostly democratic demographic in Montgomery County, an exceptionally large number of individuals are against forced vaccination, regardless of their vaccination status.
- Passing this legislation would be a significant move away from true democratic leadership. Voting county members will re-evaluate voting choices, and this decision may even affect where people choose to live creating an exodus out of the county.
- Requiring any vaccination "passport" sets a precedence that individuals no longer have the rights to make their own decisions regarding their body.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my concerns. I enjoy being a resident of Montgomery County and entrust you to realize that rejecting the COVID vaccination requirement for entering businesses will be most beneficial in helping this county recover from the past couple of years.

Sincerely,