

January 15, 2022

Council Hearing Room

To: Resolution to adopt a Board of Health Regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the County - Vaccination Requirements to Enter Bars, Restaurants, Recreation Centers, and Other Covered Establishments.

From:

Fern C. Bach

Dear Council Members:

My family and I are vaccinated. We will not participate in this anti-science passport system. We will not under any circumstances support businesses and the county that discriminates against those that are unvaccinated. As a resident of Montgomery County for 70 years, we are outraged by the authoritarian controls relating to vaccine passport mandates. I feel this is a personal violation of our civil liberties as citizens of the USA and all humanity. My grandparents and many family members that grew up in eastern Europe during The Holocaust had their rights taken away, such as mine are and/or could be, as well as their property seized one by one until they were ultimately made non grata persona and subsequently killed. This possibility seems crazy, but it sounded crazy back then too. Mandating vaccines for everyone is really a huge shameful lack of creativity coupled with what seems like an expedient solution to a difficult problem will only promote the replaying of government overreach into my family's lives, businesses and freedom of independence. There needs to be an open debate and sharing of information within the various medical/Science communities to which we can rely on.

If this indoor vaccine mandate is passed it will be a violation of my constitutional rights as a US citizen. Being separated from friends, family and community has broken long established bonds of compassion and empathy between all of us that now has become fragile and broken with the advent of lockdowns, masking, and mandates. As the manager of our CPA practice in the county for 35 years, it is my opinion the implementation of the vaccine passport mandate will further erode the very fragile financial condition of all small businesses in the county, causing many of them to go bankrupt. There is no safety net for these small business except continued patronage from their customers. My businesses, family and I will not participate in this anti-science passport system. We will not under any circumstances support businesses and the county that discriminates against those that are unvaccinated.

Sincerely,

Fern C. Bach