

Dear Councilmembers—

I was extremely disappointed to hear that you are considering a vaccine passport for Montgomery county. As a teen citizen, this idea is abhorrent to me. Imposing a vaccine passport is an unscientific idea: it is clear that even vaccinated people can get and transmit covid. Even our County Executive, Marc Elrich, has seen that first hand when he came down with covid recently after having been vaccinated twice and boosted.

Councilmember Jawando is quoted to have said that the vaccine passport will be implemented to “piss off the unvaccinated”. He is right: that’s exactly what it will do. What he does not realize are the lasting effects that “pissing off the unvaccinated” will have. I have read many of the other testimonies, a large number of which are written by vaccinated individuals. Those individuals are equally disturbed and annoyed by the idea of vaccine passports. It has become clear that people do not want vaccine passports, and they will fight harder and harder as they become more alarmed by our local government’s attempts to take away our liberties. Please listen to your constituents. I will not be old enough to vote at this election, but I have faith that my fellow citizens who can will make sure that this does not happen again.

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