

To: Montgomery County Council Members

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This is a follow-up written testimony to be included in the 1/25/22 public hearing regarding the proposed vaccination passport. I shadow the opinions of the individuals who provided oral testimony at the public hearing on 1/18/2022. To reiterate my written testimony submission, a vaccination passport infringes on the rights and freedoms of all citizens to unobtrusively solicit public establishments in this county.

Based on what some council members said, I think that passing such a measure has ulterior motives. Vaccinated or unvaccinated, we are all fully capable of transmitting this virus. There are no reassurances of safety being in an establishment with just vaccinated individuals. Instead, it is sounding like a ploy to incentivize our 5 to 11 year-old population to get vaccinated. If this is the ultimate thrust for passing such a regulation, I think you would agree that it is wrong and unethical to hold businesses and consumers as pawns in this plan.

It is also troubling that this council is not willing to currently vote down this preposterous plan. Instead, the public hearing has been extended to 1/25 with a possible vote afterwards. In doing so, is the motive to allow additional public testimony from pro-passport supporters? The 1/18/2022 oral testimony was resoundingly NOT in favor of passing such a measure! These testimonies have reaffirmed for me that I will not be going out of my way to solicit any businesses which voluntarily ask for my covid card!

Continuing to debate this preposterous plan is just a waste of resources and time. Instead, please consider dedicating your time to coming up with ideas to decrease crime in this county, which is something which will benefit ALL citizens!