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To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

Digital vaccination passports transcend politics and even health. These invasive vaccine passport requirements not only breach medical privacy, they nullify personal responsibility—and choice—regarding healthcare decisions. Such passports are inherently discriminatory against minorities, the elderly, the poor, and those with health conditions who cannot receive the vaccine. For instance, currently 40% of people over 65 years old, 20% of our poor, and 15% of most minorities don't own smartphones – meaning they will be relegated to second-class citizen status and denied service. Additionally, those who are unable to get the vaccine for health, religious, or personal reasons will not be able to conduct business, transact, or move freely. In addition, the concerns surrounding privacy are numerous and absolutely warranted, as a data breach or even glitch could potentially restrict an individual from obtaining necessities. Further, citizens from all walks of life have severe concerns about leaving a proverbial trail of “digital breadcrumbs” evincing their whereabouts every time they leave their residence, and the creation of the surveillance state that would be enabled thereby. Put simply, the idea of implementing a “show your papers” system in America is not just unconscionable, it is unconstitutional – which is why the ACLU, the World Health Organization, and the US Travel Association President have all concluded such systems have no place in American commerce.

Thank you for your attention to how bad this would be for society as a whole.

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