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**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Agenda item 8&9 read at the meeting

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I appreciate the recent remarks made at a Board of Supervisors meeting where it was specifically mentioned that Ventura County would not mandate vaccine passports. However, the board must also put safeguards in place to prevent the county sponsored digitization of such vaccine related data that would make it easy for private businesses to demand proof of vaccination status in order to provide services.

Not only would this be an invasion of privacy and risk potential highly confidential and private health information from being leaked, the very idea that one might have to show their health status to participate in society is unethical and the antithesis of how a free society operates.

This country was founded on the idea that God gave each and every one of us liberty. In this case, that liberty applies even to those that may choose not to receive a vaccine which can be for a whole host of personal, religious or medical reasons.

Ronald Reagan once said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

Those words still ring true today. Any Board sanctioned action that would allow or encourage the use of vaccine passports which would limit citizens freedoms is terrifying, and a clear overreach of the government.

For this reason I ask this board to take decisive action to prevent the digitalization of vaccine records and approve an ordinance to forbid any business from requiring a vaccine passport in order to receive their services.

Sincerely,

Linda Leahy