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I am writing to you today with grave concerns regarding the potential mandate of so-called "vaccine passports" in the nation and possibly in our county and state. Today I ask that you do everything in your power under the law to prohibit "vaccine passports" from being required to enter, enjoy, and move about Ventura County and our beautiful state. The use of "vaccine passports" to restrict commerce is a threat to both personal liberty and medical privacy.

I ask that Ventura County continue to lead by example by preventing the mandate of a "vaccine passport" to restrict Californians from being able to engage in normal, everyday activities.

Many believe the mandate of a "vaccine passport" to engage in commerce constitutes a violation of the privacy of our citizens, and specifically a likely violation of the federal HIPAA law. Perversely, we believe the privacy concerns of a "vaccine passport" could create more polarization around the COVID-19 vaccine rather than encouraging its use.

Ventura County has an opportunity to lead the way in understanding how to manage the pandemic while keeping our economy open and protecting the liberties of our people. As many see it, "vaccine passports" are a terrible approach to managing this pandemic or the economy, and instead will violate the rights of citizens. We urge you to fight against this with every tool of state government, including preventing state agencies from cooperating or coordinating with the federal government on the use of potential "vaccine passports."

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