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Reply from Senator Sherrod Brown

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for reaching out to me concerning vaccine passports. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The concept of a vaccine passport proposes to provide a way for individuals to prove they have been vaccinated. There have been growing discussions over the value of a vaccine passport for individuals to demonstrate proof of COVID-19 inoculation. There are valid arguments both for and against the concept of a vaccine passport.

On the one hand, a vaccine passport system would enable people to gather, work, worship, attend school, and travel with confidence that everyone they are in contact with is protected against the COVID-19 virus. Vaccine passports could help speed up international travel re-openings and some countries might mandate proof of vaccination before entering. On the other hand, vaccine passports may have implications for individual privacy and data privacy. I have heard from Ohioans with a wide variety of views on the topic of vaccine passports, and understand the arguments on both sides.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, said that the federal government would not mandate the use of vaccine passports for travelers or businesses post-pandemic.

Should legislation regarding vaccine passports come before the Senate, I will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind. Thank you again for being in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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