***(Your Name Address Phone #, address, email at top of this letter)***

**(Date)**

To Whom it May Concern: (or your HR Department or CEO, etc.)

This letter is to respectfully provide you with reasons related to my request to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination exemption based upon sincerely held religious beliefs, taking into consideration Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352) (Title VII), as amended, as it appears in volume 42 of the United States Code, beginning at section 2000e.

The underlying reason for my request for a religious exemption is my sincerely held religious beliefs. These sincerely held beliefs have always had a strong influence in how I live my life, according to my religious faith and The Golden Rule.

As a person who has sincerely held religious beliefs, I have been praying for direction during this pandemic and I’ve been led to acknowledge that the COVID-19 vaccine goes against my sincerely held religious beliefs. Under *Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, I believe that I have the right to decline this vaccine because of my sincerely held religious beliefs.

 As a person of faith, I do not support nor believe in the abortion of children. All three COVID-19 vaccines currently being used under the emergency order are not completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines. In particular, these two human cell lines: HEK-293: A kidney cell line that was isolated from a female fetus in 1973 and PER.C6 cell line which was derived from human embryonic retinal cells, originally from the retinal tissue of an 18-week-old fetus aborted in 1985.

As a follower of my sincerely held religious beliefs, it is my sincerely held religious beliefs that my body belongs to The Creator. I believe that The Creator calls me to be a steward of the body The Creator has given me as I live here on Earth. These vaccines contain ingredients that completely alter the cells of the human body. For example, as listed on the Moderna website, “The Moderna COVID‑19 Vaccine uses mRNA to provide a blueprint for your cells to build your body's defense against SARS‑CoV‑2, the virus that causes COVID‑19.” I believe that I have been made in the image/likeness of The Creator and altering The Creators’ genetic structure with this mRNA technology is in direct violation of my sincerely held religious beliefs.

As provided on the CDC website and the package inserts of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna vaccine and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccines, “The significant known and potential risks and benefits of the COVID-19 Vaccine, and the extent to which such risks and benefits are unknown.” The FDA states “FDA must ensure that recipients of the vaccine under an EUA are informed, to the extent practicable given the applicable circumstances, that FDA has authorized the emergency use of the vaccine, of the known and potential benefits and risks, the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown, that they have the option to accept or refuse the vaccine, and of any available alternatives to the product.” These unknown risks and benefits puts my sincerely held strong religious beliefs in jeopardy and I cannot in good faith stray from my Creators’ calling to have stewardship over my body.

In closing, I love and enjoy my career and feel blessed to be part of your organization. The mandated COVID vaccination directly opposes my sincerely held religious beliefs as a follower of my faith. The mRNA technology, in which will alter my body right down to the cellular level, does not align with my sincerely held religious beliefs. Thank you for your kind response and I look forward to your decision based upon my sincerely held religious beliefs.

Respectfully,

Your name and contact info