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To the Executive Committee of the [REDACTED] Conference.

I write on behalf of our church at [REDACTED] with a request. In an Church Business Meeting the matter of the 2015 GC Adcom statement on Immunizations was discussed. While the portion on immunisations was not the part discussed, we did share a mutual concern for the section just before it which could open things up to affect many areas. This led to a vote for a recommendation that the GC change the wording. Please see below a section of our minutes from that meeting:

2. Health Message - GC Statement

Concerns have been raised regarding a 2015 GC Official Statement on Immunization, produced by the GC Adcom, stating the following: *"The Adventist health emphasis is based on biblical revelation, the inspired writing of E.G. White (co-founder of the Church), and on peer-reviewed scientific literature."* We would like to suggest amendments to the General Conference.

Our statement to [the [REDACTED] Executive Committee and] the General Conference is the following:-

"We reject the statement as it currently reads due to the fact it includes the wording "peer-reviewed scientific literature," implying that it is a basis for our belief in the health message. We recommend this statement be amended and to remove the words "peer-reviewed scientific literature". While we recognise and value scientific research as a support for our Bible-based faith, we do not hold it to the same level of authority as The Bible and the writings of Ellen G White."

We greatly appreciate your consideration in communicating this recommendation, as it regards the question of what constitutes the foundations of our faith and practice.

Thank you for your ministry.

Pastor
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