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### VACCINATION LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a member of Israel, The Church of Jesus (ICOJ). We believe and teach the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We stress the importance of being obedient to all of God's laws written in the Holy Bible. There are an abundance of laws and examples pertaining to man's diet and cleanliness in general in the bible. Due to space, I will only cite a couple. In Leviticus, the eleventh chapter, God informed us of a list of animals that were forbidden to eat or consume. These animals were deemed as "unclean" and God forbade even the touching of them after they were dead. Over a thousand years later, in Acts, the tenth chapter, Peter, a disciple of Jesus, acknowledged he was still observing these same laws. To this very day, we believe it is of utmost importance that we observe them too.

We are aware of mandates for children to receive vaccinations to attend school and also for employees to enter various workplaces. Unfortunately, ingredients in these vaccines are in contrast to some of God's dietary and cleanliness laws mentioned above. For example, the chickenpox vaccine has unclean ingredients. Specifically, some of these ingredients are fetal bovine serum and hydrolyzed gelatin. Again, these are "unclean" to us and thereby in keeping with our faith (religious practice) towards God our members cannot receive these unclean vaccinations.

Matthew 6:34 says "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Here, Jesus commanded us not to worry about potential evil, once again ruling out taking vaccinations and/or invasive tests, worrying about what might happen in the future.

We ask that you please waive the above member from taking any vaccines/ invasive tests as they are against our belief in God. Obviously, we want our members to lead healthy and productive lives; we simply believe as Daniel 1:8-16, that adherence to God's Holy Laws will provide this. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 219-979-2633.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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