

[Patient's Name and Address]

[Date]

[Physician's name and address]

Re: State Mandated Medical Procedures

Dear Dr. [Last name]:

As an adherent to the principles of the Satanic Temple, it is my deeply held religious belief that my body is inviolable -- subject to my own will alone -- and I should strive to make all decisions regarding my body based on the best scientific understanding of the world, even if the science does not comport with the religious or political beliefs of others.

As you know, your medical treatment of me requires my informed consent, both as a matter of law and your ethical obligations as my doctor. I regard informed consent as the communication to me of any and all scientifically true and accurate information regarding my health and the health of my fetus (if any) that enables me to make medical decisions in accordance with my deeply held religious beliefs.

I believe any procedure required by state statute to be performed on me as a precondition for an abortion (separate and apart from any other medical procedure) is based on politics and not science. Such procedures would include, by example only, a narrated ultrasound. I do not regard any such state-mandated procedures to be relevant to my medical decisions. You may perform such a state-mandated procedure only if you, in the exercise of your independent medical judgment, advise me that the state-mandated procedure is materially relevant to my health or the health of my fetus (if any) and explain why this is relevant based on scientifically true and accurate information. I reserve the right to withhold my informed consent after reviewing your advice and explanation.

The doctor-patient relationship is built on trust. I trust that you will honor my religious beliefs and keep me fully and accurately informed of my health and the health of my fetus (if any) based on science, not politics. I further trust that you will not deny me medical care because of any inconvenience my religious beliefs may cause to your ability to provide me with your best independent medical judgment.

Sincerely,