

[Patient's Name and Address]

[Date]

[Physician's name and address]

Re: Withholding Medical Information

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.

Scientifically true and accurate information regarding the health of my fetus (if any) includes, but is not limited to, any possible defects in the fetus. If and to the extent that you intentionally fail to provide that information, whether by law or due to your own religious or political beliefs, then you do not have my informed consent to provide me or my fetus (if any) with medical treatment. In that event, I expect you to withdraw as my doctor and tell me that you are withdrawing as my doctor due to your refusal to provide me with the information I have requested.

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 you.

Sincerely,