

Dear [appropriate person],

I hereby assert my right to a religious exemption from vaccination. I am a born again believer in Christ who believes in the Bible, including the teachings in the New Testament. I have a Christian worldview. This perspective recognizes that faith and conscience compel an individual to submit to the proper jurisdiction within the rule of law, in this case, Divine Law.

Specifically, the New Testament teaches:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. ~1 *Corinthians 3:16-17 (NKJV)*

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your Spirit, which are God's. ~1 *Corinthians 6 19-20 (NKJV)*

Accordingly I believe, pursuant to my Christian faith, that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is a God-given responsibility and requirement for me to protect the physical integrity of my body against unclean food and injections.

In 2 *Corinthians 6:16-7:1*, there is this admonition against defiling the flesh and the spirit:

You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be there God, and they shall be my people." Therefore, "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you." "I will be a father to you and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

More broadly, the New Testament requires of Christians that we "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (*Mark 12:17*) When it comes to consuming things into our own bodies, as opposed to making payments to the government, compliance with God's law is required.

The mandated vaccine, with its numerous additives and its mechanism for altering my body, is the equivalent of a prohibited "unclean food" that causes harm to my conscience. Vaccines to me are analogous to what non-kosher food is to orthodox Jews, and no one requires anyone in the United States to consume a substance contrary to their faith. Medical experts may assert that non-kosher food and vaccines

are completely healthy, but religious faith compels certain individuals to decline their consumption. I am one of those individuals.

Thus my faith prohibits me from being vaccinated as proposed. Illinois law and the U.S. Constitution recognize my right to object to consuming something – this vaccine – because it violates my faith. Therefore I respectfully assert my religious objection to this vaccination.

In strict accordance with my faith, I refrain from partaking in certain activities and defiling my body in ways contrary to my biblical beliefs. I have been baptized into my faith, read the Bible, pray on a regular basis, and attend weekly church service which demonstrates the sincerity of my religious beliefs. If the commitment to my faith is brought into question, please contact my pastor, Josh Motley at 608-618-3557.

My stance in this matter is for the glory of God and consistent with my faith. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Your name]