

May 8, 2015

Planned Parenthood
4251 Forest Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108

Re: Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 188 Regulation of Abortions

Dear Planned Parenthood:

I am submitting this letter to you as part of my request to obtain an abortion. As an adherent to the principles of the Satanic Temple, my sincerely held religious beliefs are:

- My body is inviolable and subject to my will alone.
- I make any decision regarding my health based on the best scientific understanding of the world, even if the science does not comport with the religious or political beliefs of others.
- My inviolable body includes any fetal or embryonic tissue I carry so long as that tissue is unable to survive outside my body as an independent human being.
- I -- and I alone -- decide whether my inviolable body remains pregnant and I may, in good conscience, disregard the current or future condition of any fetal or embryonic tissue I carry in making that decision.

The State of Missouri claims a compelling interest in ensuring my choice to obtain an abortion is informed, voluntary, given freely and without coercion. To that end, the State of Missouri requires you to provide me with information prepared by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (the "Department") that prominently displays the following statement "The life of each human being begins at conception. Abortion will terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being" (the "Pronouncement"). It is my deeply held religious belief that the Pronouncement is merely a political and religious statement and not based on the best scientific understanding of the world.

The information related to the Pronouncement is delivered in a booklet prepared by the Department (the "Booklet"). I have already reviewed the Booklet. It makes clear that a fetus is not able survive outside my body as an independent human being prior to twenty-six weeks after the first day of my last normal menstrual period. Please be advised that less than twenty-six weeks have elapsed since my last normal menstrual period. I give you permission to physically examine me to determine that my pregnancy is not in the third trimester as defined in the Booklet.

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It is my deeply held religious belief an abortion does not terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being. I therefore absolve you of any responsibility you may have to deliver the Booklet to me. I also absolve you of any responsibility you may have to wait seventy-two hours before performing an abortion.

This letter is my statement that I chose to have an abortion today – now - and without further review of the Booklet. I make that choice voluntarily, freely, without coercion. I am informed to my satisfaction – both as a religious and scientific matter – that an abortion will not terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being.

I respectfully request that you provide me with an abortion today.

Sincerely,