

[Patient's Name and
Address] [Date]

[Physician's name and address]

Re: State mandated informed consent documents

Dear [Health Care Provider]:

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.

Indiana state law, HB 1185 dictates the treatment and disposition of a human fetus, human fetal tissue, and embryonic and fetal tissue remains. I regard fetal tissue and fetal remains to be part of my inviolable body. Should I authorize the removal of fetal tissue or fetal remains from my body, any decision about its disposal should be mine and mine alone except where its disposal presents health and safety concerns to others.

In addition, burial practices, including interment and cremation, have always been under the auspices of religious organizations. This practice predates the US Constitution and has persisted through all recorded human history. By dictating specific practices, the State is violating the First Amendment and State and Federal RFRA laws, which supersede HB 1185.

This letter demands that you do not abide by the disposition of embryonic and fetal tissue remains obligations of HB 1185. These obligations offend my sincerely held religious beliefs, *which take precedent*. Please attach this letter to any forms you are required to keep.

I trust that you will honor my religious beliefs and will not deny me medical care – or delay requested care – because of any inconvenience my religious beliefs may cause.

Sincerely,