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Dear Dr. Hoge:

As a conscientious consumer of health care products, I write to share with you my moral protest while accepting your COVID-19 vaccine and to advocate for the increased use of ethically sourced materials.

I join scores of millions of Americans in holding the philosophical position that a new and unique human person comes into existence at the moment of conception and that innocent human life ought not be killed intentionally. Therefore, I believe that procured abortion is an objectively grave moral evil. Thus, I have been concerned about the potential use of abortion-derived materials in the effort to bring COVID-19 vaccine candidates to market.

First, I gratefully acknowledge that your company did not utilize abortion-derived cells in the actual production of your vaccine. This induces me to favor your vaccine over other proposed vaccine candidates that would utilize abortion-derived cells in their production, such as the candidate by Astra-Zeneca and the University of Oxford.

However, I am disappointed that at least one abortion-derived cell line (HEK293) was used in other activities that helped bring your vaccine to market, such as confirmatory lab tests on your mRNA component. The ongoing use of abortion-derived cells further undermines the dignity of the original victim and scandalously minimizes the moral gravity of abortion itself. I encourage your company to invest in technologies and practices that will decrease and eliminate its reliance on abortion-derived cell lines and other materials.

Many may say that the use of abortion-derived cell lines like HEK293 is unavoidable due to their widespread utilization in the biomedical industry. This does not excuse their use but rather reveals the systemic nature of this ethical pitfall, which can and ought to be rectified by the development of ethically sourced cell lines and other materials. Therefore, on the occasion of accepting this vaccine, I am making a sacrificial donation in support of the John Paul II Medical Research Institute, which has been developing biotechnological solutions that do not depend on the victimization of unborn human persons.

In conclusion, while I am accepting your vaccine to contribute to the greater good during this pandemic, I object to the ongoing use of abortion-derived materials and encourage your company to find alternative ethical means to develop and manufacture your products.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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