Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing to you in opposition to the steps that are being taken to remove the Religious Exemption. As a Christian and one who is adamantly pro-life, I am against using a medical product that contains aborted fetal tissue even in the smallest amount. I believe that every single life has value and by mandating these vaccines and then taking away the Religious Exemption for my children, you are encroaching on our religious beliefs. Also, our bodies were made wonderfully by God. Although, we are not against the use of medicine, we do not believe we need to treat our bodies when they are well. ""And hearing this, Jesus said to them, "it is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. "" (The Bible Mark 2:17) Some will say that we can homeschool. Well, we do, but I have two children in college and three more headed there. Taking away their Religious Exemption will cause them to have to look to other states that respect our freedoms for their higher learning. I also recognize that people of faiths other than mine choose not to vaccinate for their own reasons and you should too. Especially, when we consider that we welcome into our country people of all faiths, then we need to respect their faiths even if that means they choose not to vaccinate.

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