Parent Name

Parent Address

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Merck

2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ 07033

Dear Manufacturer Name,

We are writing to you today to thank you for your commitment to producing quality vaccines which prevent serious childhood illnesses. Living in twenty-first century America we often forget the remarkable advantage our children possess having a wide variety of vaccines easily available to them. We realize that without your commitment to produce and distribute these lifesaving vaccines our children would be vulnerable to a wide variety to completely preventable diseases.

While we are unspeakably grateful for easily available vaccines which daily protect our children, we are deeply concerned that many of these same vaccines are produced using cell lines obtained from aborted fetuses. As many of us do, we try to live our lives in a way that is ethically upright. We have always been taught that we can never do evil so that good may come of it. Thus, we find it ethically unacceptable to allow for the destruction of a human life – even one which may have been ended at the earliest embryonic stages through abortion – so that the good of protecting other humans may follow. We are unwilling to allow for the good of our children to be purchased at the cost of another human’s life.

In determining whether or not to allow our children to receive these vaccines we must weigh a variety of factors. First, we must examine the considerable evil of the continued use of aborted fetal cells in these vaccines. There is also the obvious danger of allowing childhood diseases to return to our community through the loss of herd immunity which presents a grave danger to society. A careful consideration of the many dangers of vaccine-preventable childhood illnesses and the ethical dilemma of using vaccines which contain cells from aborted fetuses has lead us to the conclusion that we must with *significant protest* continue using these vaccines until such point when an ethically acceptable vaccine becomes available.

We urgently request that you and all other vaccine manufacturers discontinue using fetal cell lines WI-38, MRC-5, HEK-293, RA273 and any other cell lines originally obtained from aborted fetuses. Please do not begin new research with any of these stem lines. Finally, please provide ethical alternatives for vaccines which do not use fetal cell lines.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Parent Name