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Throughout history the noble quest to cure people and control diseases that harm humankind has been lauded for the benefits brought forth in societies all across the globe. The efforts that scientists and their collaborators have gone to speak volumes of the value placed on preserving the health and well-being of all people. Who could object to such advancements?

However, over the most recent decades, Pfizer has joined other pharmaceutical companies in using human tissue derived from aborted fetal cell lines for research and development or laboratory testing of vaccines. Sadly, these procedures may be such standard industry practice that it no longer even raises an eyebrow.No matter how seemingly beneficial, the use of aborted fetal tissue for scientific research is abhorrent. The ends never justified the means.

Therefore, the use of such tissue in the laboratory testing of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is unjust and unethical.

Along with many of my fellow Americans I urge you to distance yourselves from the practice of using the youngest members of the human race in this unethical and dehumanizing manner. I raise my voice to demand ethical practices in biomedical research and salute those who seek alternate resources to continue the life-saving work of creating vaccines without using human beings who have been killed even before birth.

I echo the voices of many members of the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops in urging you to understand that “It is critically important that Americans have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically: no American should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this potentially deadly virus and violating his or her conscience.”

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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