Sample Parental Opt-Out Letter Minnesota

[Date]

Dear [Principal's Name],

We are [I am] writing to formally request that our [my] child, [Child's Full Name], be excused from participating in any classroom instruction, lessons, readings, or materials that cover topics related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or other LGBTQ+ themes, as these materials conflict with our sincerely held religious beliefs.

This request is made pursuant to Minnesota Statute 120B.20, which mandates that school districts provide reasonable arrangements for parents who object to instructional materials based on religious beliefs. We have reviewed the district's policy on parental review and alternative curriculum, and we understand that our request must be submitted in writing each school year. This request also aligns with the legal framework established by the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, which affirmed parental rights to opt children out of instruction conflicting with religious beliefs.

We [I] ask that our [my] child be provided with an alternative, meaningful educational activity during the time that would otherwise be dedicated to these lessons. This alternative should allow our child to continue their academic progress while respecting our family's values. We request that this arrangement be made promptly and that we receive confirmation in writing.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to honoring the rights of families to participate in their children's education.

Sincerely,
[Your Full Name(s)]
[Your Contact Information]

This letter is based on the model provided by Citizens for Public Schools, which offers a sample letter for opting out of standardized testing, and aligns with the legal framework established by Minnesota state law and the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, which affirmed parental rights to opt children out of instruction conflicting with religious beliefs.