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Andrew Michell
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Dear Mr. Michell,

I am responding to a letter you sent to Terry Forde, CEO of Adventist HealthCare, on May 24, 2018.

Adventist HealthCare strives to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of all its patients. Activities in each of our facilities are conducted in a manner consistent with the ethics, principles, and philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's "Guidelines on Abortion" states, "Abortion should be performed only for the most serious reasons." These exceptional circumstances are considered when there are significant threats to the pregnant woman's life or serious jeopardy to her health, severe congenital defects carefully diagnosed in the fetus, and pregnancy resulting from rape or incest. Adventist HealthCare's policy on pregnancy termination follows the guidelines of the Church.

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Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ann Roda', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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