Dear Tuition Refund Committee,

I am petitioning for a full tuition refund from the Spring 2021 term. I was fully intending to participate in the spring term when I registered for courses, and was excited to take some classes related to my major. The first few weeks started off really strong—I was participating and engaging in classes every day, and was keeping up with all of my assignments and coursework. However, during the third week of the term (on April 15) I received a call from home that my father was in the hospital after suffering from a heart attack. I immediately flew home the next morning to California after receiving this news.

Fortunately, over the next few weeks my dad began to recover, and he was able to come home. However, due to all of the fear and concern about my dad and the rest of my family, I had stopped participating in my courses and had fallen significantly behind. I had to put my classes on the back burner while I focused on my family. I thought at first that I may be able to catch up in my classes and remained in them for another week after my dad was released from the hospital, but realized after all that I had been through, and with the heightened anxiety I was still experiencing following this traumatic event, it would be best to take some time away and withdraw from classes this term. I followed up with an advisor on May 13 to discuss how to completely withdraw, as I had never completed this process before and wanted to discuss any impacts this would have first.

I last participated in my courses on April 14—right before I got the news that my father was in the hospital. I have included instructor confirmation of last date of attendance/participation.

I have also included medical documentation from my father’s doctor.

I hope the committee will consider my petition given the unexpected emergency my family and I faced this term. Thank you for reviewing my petition.