Motion for Protective Order (Discovery) - Blank preview

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[Name of court]
[County, district, or division, if your court's captions include one; otherwise delete this line]
Case No. [Case number]
[Name of first party], [Plaintiff or Petitioner]
v.
[Name of second party], [Defendant or Respondent]

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY

[Your full name], [Your role in the case, such as Petitioner or Respondent], self-represented, asks the Court for an order regarding the discovery described below, and states:

The Discovery at Issue

1. On [date of service], [name of the other party] served [title of the discovery request, subpoena, or deposition notice] on me. A copy is attached as Exhibit [letter or number].
2. This motion concerns the following requests: [identify each request by its number and quote it].

Facts

3. [For each request identified above, state in your own words the facts you rely on in asking the Court to limit it or set conditions on it.]
4. [Continue with the next request or fact. Add or remove paragraphs as needed.]

Steps Taken to Resolve the Issue

5. On [date or dates], I contacted [name of the other party or their attorney] by [letter, email, phone call, or meeting] to try to resolve this issue without a court order. [Describe the response, if any.] Copies of any written communications are attached as Exhibit [letter or number].
6. [If your court requires a statement that you tried in good faith to resolve this dispute before filing, add it here in the form your court requires; otherwise delete this paragraph.]

Request

7. I ask the Court to enter an order [describe exactly the limits or conditions you are requesting for each request identified above].
8. [Add any other specific request, or delete this paragraph.]

Respectfully submitted.

[Your full name]
[Your role in the case, such as Petitioner or Respondent], self-represented
[Mailing address where you receive court papers]
[Phone number]
[Email address]
Date: [Date you sign]

Certificate of Service

I certify that on [date of service], I served a copy of this Motion for Protective Order on each person listed below by [method of service your court's rules allow, such as mail, hand delivery, email, or electronic filing service].
[Name of each person served, and the mailing address or email address used for service]

[Your full name]
Date: [Date you sign this certificate]