Subject: Request for Approval to Join CAUCUS – The Vendor-Free IT Procurement Hub

Dear [Manager's Name],

I'd like to request your approval to join **CAUCUS**, a professional community and learning hub exclusively for IT procurement professionals. With the rapid evolution of vendor strategies—especially around AI and software licensing—I believe this membership will help me stay ahead of industry changes, sharpen my negotiation skills, and protect our organization's investments in technology.

Here's what CAUCUS membership provides:

- Free access to monthly events and expert-led Campfires on licensing models, contract red flags, and AI-related risks
- Discounted rates on certifications and in-person events like the IT Procurement Summit (ITPS)
- Unlimited use of negotiation playbooks, templates, and procurement tools
  On-demand learning, peer-led study groups, and certification prep resources
- A private, vendor-free forum where I can ask questions, share strategies, and learn from peers across industries

The CAUCUS Plus membership essentially pays for itself if I plan to pursue certifications or attend in-person trainings or events. Even more, it gives me access to real-time support from professionals who face the same vendor challenges—particularly critical as we navigate growing complexities around AI usage, licensing, and renewals.
Joining CAUCUS will directly support my role in protecting our organization from vendor lock-in, cost overruns, and underutilized technology.

Thank you for considering this request. I'm happy to provide additional information or a cost breakdown if needed.

Best regards,
[Your Name]