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I urge you to reject any exemptions for “religious employers.” Preventative contraceptive services are a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

.... “religious refusal” exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services. Some groups are pushing for the exemption to apply to religiously-run health providers, so hospitals with religious affiliations would be exempt from the coverage requirement, even though they employ people of all faiths and ideologies. If granted, this larger exemption would deny access to thousands of women just because of where they work. I urge you to ensure women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM’s recommendations and rejecting the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

All women should be able to make their own decisions and not be restricted by someone else’s beliefs.