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General Comment

I am concerned that certain groups such as NARAL, are seeking to include religious employers in the requirement to provide coverage which includes birth control for employees, especially drugs designed to cause abortion.

Contraceptives are not a medical necessity, nor is pregnancy a disease. Birth control is already widely available, and publicly funded programs already provide for women who cannot afford it.

I am concerned that forcing religious employers to provide this redundant access to a non-necessity, is designed solely for the purpose of further eroding the faith based heritage of our country, and is not at all designed to address any true needs.

Further, that this requirement not only violates the said employers rights, but also what most perceive as the "separation of church and state".

Please do not allow this to requirement to be forced on religious employers.

Best regards,
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