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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask in the strongest way possible that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you do not reverse course I ask you to expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because some of these can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization and business that has moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, but will still mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their conscience or not being able to offer employees health insurance.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who object to being forced by the federal government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs can take the life of early unborn children. No Americans should be forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to. I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

In addition to a lot of the good truth that a member of the Family Research Council wrote above, I will add some things.

In Jeremiah Chapter 1 Verse 5 A King James version of the Holy Bible says the following: before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

In Psalms Chapter 139 Verses 13-17, a King James version of the Holy Bible says the following: For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. Verse (2) I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Verse (15) My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. (16) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. Verse (17) How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

Even before we were conceived God knew us and he also knew those that were aborted. God knew each and every one of us and he had a plan here on earth for those that were aborted, and he has a plan for each and every one of us that are here on earth now.

God hates the fact that abortion takes human lives because he loves each and every one of us. God can do great things in each and every one of our lives here on earth and he has great plans for those who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in heaven. Those that are already in heaven because they were taken by the terrible act of abortion are now living a fulfilling purposeful life in heaven, and those people who were not of the age of accountability or received Christ prior to complete death here on earth, are also living a fantastic fulfilling purposeful life in heaven as well.

Many peoples lives have been taken by an act of murder as well as other ways but anybody who is of

the age of accountability that receives Christ before they reach judgment are now in heaven. Also again those that are not of the age of accountability that are taken or die are in and or will go to heaven.

To repeat some of what a member of the Family Research Council wrote above in somewhat of my own words I will say, please don't force private insurers as well as providers to subsidize contraceptives as well as sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs can take the lives of early unborn children.

I believe that each human life has a purpose here on earth because the Bible says so, and that even applies to those conceived as a product of ungodly terrible act of rape or incest.

Because God knew us and knows us even before conception takes place, he does indeed have a purpose for each and every life here on earth (if a baby is allowed to be born), as well as in heaven (even if a baby dies or is taken in an abortion).

Please stand with God who would want the protection of people's conscience rights, and please don't force people to offer or to pay for contraceptives or sterilization services.

Thanks,

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