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I am a Family Physician in New Braunfels, Texas and the Chair of the Family Medicine Section of the Christian Medical and Dental Association. I object to the contraceptive mandate in the rules and regulations under the new PPACA.

I believe that it's okay to use real contraceptives – the kind that don't kill anyone. I'm also cautiously convinced that Plan B doesn't prevent implantation. (See "Plan B, How It Works and Doesn't Work" <https://lifeethics.wordpress.com/2006/09/02/review-plan-b-how-it-works-and-doesnt-work> and "Plan B compared to withdrawal method" <https://lifeethics.wordpress.com/2006/10/09/plan-b-compared-to-withdrawal-method>)

However, I have real concerns that "EllaOne" might interfere due to its effect of lowering progesterone, even in post-ovulatory women, and I know that the IntraUterine Device (IUD), when placed early in the pregnancy works to prevent implantation.

I am also concerned that many of my colleagues who have moral objections to contraception will be unable to continue in practice.

The life of each of us begins at fertilization: any *in vitro* fertilization lab tech can tell the difference between an embryo and an unfertilized egg.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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