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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request, 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 strongly recommend that you expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and those that have moral and/or religious objections. I strongly oppose our once-moral government forcing this and other free insurance coverage payment on U.S. citizens, especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because many of these are for the purpose of causing 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/or business that has moral or religious objections 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 very strongest way possible, to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Retired Pastor Glen Farnsworth and wife, Blanche

Sincerely,  
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