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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly request 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 are not willing to do this, then I strongly ask you to expand conscientious protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. To require such things is a clear violation of the freedom of conscience that we Americans have always enjoyed. I also strongly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B). Since abortion is legal in this country and is an elective procedure, those choosing the procedure should be required to pay for it themselves.

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. As said before, this mandate clearly violates our freedom of conscience in that we believe all life, prior to birth and after birth, is sacred. Churches and their associations often sponsor subsidiary ventures, such as missions, counseling agencies and much more whose moral values are based upon the principles of our faith. Therefore, your 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.

Sincerely,
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