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To Whom It May Concern:

Please remove the mandate that all sterilization procedures and contraceptives be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If not, please instead broaden "conscience protections" for any groups that offer group and individual insurance who also have moral or religious objections. I adamantly object to the government forcing "free" benefits such as drugs and devices when indeed the cost to such objectionable items are bore by all, especially those that can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

Please alter the definition of religious employer to offer an authentic conscience protection for any group that has moral or religious objection to providing such mandated insurance to their participants. 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.

I ask you again to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,  
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