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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.

When the US Supreme Court struck down all state abortion laws in 1973 it violated at least three constitutional doctrines: 1) the foundational Declaration principles that human life is an unalienable RIGHT and that governments are instituted to protect (secure) such God-given rights; 2) Separation of Powers because the Court effectively MADE LAW which only CONGRESS is empowered to do; and 3) Enumerated Powers because nowhere in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution is the federal government granted power to legislate in the matter of abortion. Abortion laws, which all 50 states had prior to Roe v Wade, are among the numerous and indefinite powers RETAINED by the States and the people under the Tenth Amendment.

Now the Obama Administration has usurped yet another power in violation of the Doctrine of Enumerated Powers - to legislate in the intimate matter of health care. Since abortion has been redefined as "health care", what you propose to do in forcing all of us to fund the murder of innocents under color of "law" is more like the Holocaust and Herod's slaughter of infants than any legitimate purpose of government. This is not America anymore.

Sincerely,
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