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To Whom It May Concern:

I am gravely concerned about your planned implementation of a mandate that would make contraceptives and sterilization covered, without co-pay, by private health insurance. This type of highly controversial provisions (in what is arguably one of the most controversial pieces of recent legislation) is unwise, unjust, and unethical.

Given the many waivers already issued for less strongly held issues, this objection should also be given due consideration and adopted. If not, it will provide an excellent rationale for many who share pro-life views to resist the implementation of this health care plan.

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.

Sincerely,
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