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General Comment

Thank you for making this change, which is long overdue. It will personally benefit many people I know, adds greater consistency to our health care laws and policy. It will benefit our country in the long run by making it more likely that every child is a wanted child, every family gets the opportunity to plan its growth, and every woman can get the medical care she needs at a cost she can afford. It will also cut down on the number of abortions, or the panic and fear an unwanted pregnancy can result in. Thank you, too, for not letting sectarian religious commitments override your obligation, stated in the constitution, to provide equal protection for all persons under the laws. Many persons, including myself, raised in religious settings believe that our most fundamental ethical obligations are to our fellow persons, and not to arbitrary religious edicts, and our most fundamental legal obligations are to our fellow citizens, not to religious institutions which have their own agendas at variance with the good of our country, civilization, and fellow citizens. In the name of equal rights, consistent ethics, and true religious concern for the progress of justice, I commend this expansion of health care services to women's unique needs, which also serve the needs of our country and society.