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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a social worker in healthcare (hospitals) for over 20yrs. I feel compelled to write,asking you keep a conscience clause in the proposed bill related to preventative services for women. I have worked in public hospitals and have been privy to many conversations among doctors and nurses that demonstrate their bias and prejudice toward especially poor women. The suggestion that a woman have "her tubes tied" after a pregnancy, or "hasn't she heard about birth control" are often heard when the patient is poor and never heard if the patient is of means. Educating women can become an imposition of personal biases upon them. It is critical that there is somewhere women can seek care where they will not be judged. I am concerned the preventative services for women format you propose will impose these biases on vulnerable women. Please provide a conscience clause in your bill.

Respectfully,
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