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I object to anyone having to provide insurance coverage for contraceptions and abortions against their religious belief. Enough is enough. Stop destroying our country. How much more do you think God will tolerate. This also will affect you personally also. It's not what you think or what I think but rather what God wants. We have crossed the line a long time ago the question now is how much futher will we go. Your decision will affect you personally and your family. You cannot run from God. He is just and merciful. Let us now seek His mercy and respect the Life He has created. If you no longer believe in God at least stand by your belief in fairness and let the people live by their concience. Thank you.

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**Call To Action**

On August 1st, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued new mandates concerning preventive health services to be covered by insurance plans. These mandates - in response to the Institute of Medicine's advisory report issued to HHS - require that all insurance plans provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives approved by the FDA, as well as abortifacients such as the "morning after" pill and "Ella" (a drug similar to RU-486 which can induce an abortion some weeks into pregnancy).

There are a few exceptions and these include those group health plans which were in effect before the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Health Care Reform) was enacted, along with those offered by employers who are deemed by HHS to qualify as a "religious employer." However, the definition of "religious employer" is so narrow that its applicability negates most religious employers within the United States.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has voiced its strict opposition to and disappointment with this final Act of HHS, due to its failure to ensure respect for rights of conscience when developing such mandates. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) has also strongly opposed this mandate.

You may notice that this is not a traditional VoterVoice Action Alert. This is largely due to what we are asking of you now... It appears that the only area subject to reconsideration within this entire manner, is the narrowly defined "religious employer" language. Therefore, we are asking that you **contact HHS via email before September 30th for comment**. It is critical that all voices of conscience be heard and protected in such important and widespread policy decisions. Respect for conscience is continually tested and challenged, yet it is essential that such conscience protection be granted for not only religious employers, but for all employers, insurers, and policy issuers with moral, ethical, or religious objections as well.

**PLEASE CONTACT HHS at:**

**[E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA@dol.gov](mailto:E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA@dol.gov)**

**to express your opposition to the definition of "religious employer" within the context of a lack of true conscience protection!**

Thank you. Sincerely,

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