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Greetings Madame or Sir,

First, I would like to thank your office for the critical decision it made to prevent abortion funding in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Mexico high-risk insurance pools. The decision came as a relief to me and many of my fellow citizens.

I am writing you in regards to your Department's call for comment on the new PPACA mandates that went effective the first of this month.

HHS has decided that only "religious employers" should be free from providing insurance policies that offer what it calls "preventative health services" to women with no co-payment. Not only has HHS defined "religious employer" so narrowly that nearly no one will actually be exempted, the mandates ignore the fact that there are plenty of intelligent people out here with very non-religious reasons to loathe the idea that we policyholders will be chipping in to provide morning after pills and sterilizations gratis to women who want to have sex but not children. This is not "preventing" pathology. This is preventing people from being born.

I beg HHS to reconsider the religious employer definition to include organizations with a religious affiliation and not just organizations only focused on inculcating religious values among its own adherent. I ask you this so that religious liberties are not trampled upon in this country founded because the same was happening in England.

However, I would also ask HHS to go even farther: make women who want this kind of products pay for it themselves. Contraceptives don't make us a healthier society; they go to further delude people into thinking that babies are not the natural consequence of sex.

Thank you for your time and consideration and the work you do your our nation.

Sincerely,

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