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To the unelected faceless bureaucrats at HHS and NLRB who now make the laws without representation of the people:

I must express my disappointment over the HHS Department's flagrant disregard of the Constitution and of the religious liberty and rights of conscience it guarantees. The new rulings requiring group health insurance plans to cover contraceptive and even abortifacient drugs are a violation of the rights of conscience and religious freedom. The recent narrowing of the definition of a religious organization by HHS, NLRB, and other agencies will require most religious organizations--Church schools, Church hospitals, Church-based charitable organizations, and so on--to carry insurance policies that pay into a government-mandated fund to pay for chemical abortions and artificial contraception. This redefinition of a religious organization is a fraud perpetrated on the American people, who are not confused about what constitutes faith and religious belief. Moreover, this ruling exceeds the authority of the Federal government's executive branch and clearly violates the Constitution. Should it matter at all that it violates the President's executive order forbidding government regulated healthcare from funding abortion, when so many promises and guarantees given by this president have been broken and disregarded?

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cc. my elected Senators and Representative, the White House