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To whom it may concern at HHS,

I was surprised and angry to see that the current definition of religious employer in proposed rules does not provide true conscience protection for those committed to preserving life. Health care plans should not be forced to violate the moral and religious convictions of providers or employees in order to participate in the health care system. Requiring such an unacceptable demand threatens both universal access to health care and religious freedom of conscience.

Request: Change the rules to explicitly protect conscience, and provide a reply to this e-mail on how your plans to revise the rules accordingly.

I do appreciate the service of HHS staff and leaders in their good efforts to respect dignity and ensure health care is provided for/to people in or nation. Just want more appropriate rule provision.

All the best,

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