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Dear Members of the HHS team;

The religious exemption that would be granted to employers that disagree with the insurance coverage to be provided to female employees is a dangerous and anti-American exemption.

An employer choosing his or her religious values to be forced on their employees insurance coverage most certainly has no respect for the religious beliefs of others.

It would show calloused disregard for an employees right to religious freedom and privacy.

What if the employer does not believe in the right to blood transfusions? believes in prayer rather than medicine? the rythm method of birth control? births underwater?

Do they have the right to force all their employees to follow their own personal beliefs?

Imposing this type of exemption is detrimental to American ideals.

Most sincerely,  
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