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## General Comment

As a small business owner, I oppose the narrow religious exemption you have allowed in this Rule and how it does not pertain to those employers (like myself) who have firmly held beliefs in not funding birth control and/or abortion inducing drugs within their healthcare plan.

In this country, we are supposed to have religious freedom, as long as that freedom does not restrict someone else's freedom (as defined by law). Any of my employees who DID decide to use birth control or abortion inducing drugs may still do so BY LAW, but I SHOULD NOT have to provide the insurance to pay for it.

I WILL NEVER purchase health insurance for my employees that provides these types of objectionable treatments. I would rather not provide health insurance AT ALL....even if it means paying a penalty in the future.

Surely, employers who have to drop their insurance for employees due to religious convictions is not the point of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Please consider revising this religious exemption to include ALL employers who have a conscientious objection to these type of provisions.