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To Whom It May Concern:

I am begging that you do everything you can to rescind the mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you cannot, I ask you to at least expand the conscience protections to ANY organizations that provide individual and group insurance based on their moral or religious objections. I truly am opposed to the government forcing Americans to fund (with our taxes) free insurance coverage, and I especially hate the fact that you force me to subsidize drugs and devices that I personally oppose because some of them can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

If we must have the insurance (and I will continue to pray that we will not), at least reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization and business that has moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches. This will mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their consciences or not being able to offer employees health insurance.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who object to being forced by the federal government to offer or subsidize any and all contraceptives and sterilization services, especially those that can take the life of early unborn children. No Americans should be forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to. I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse the course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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