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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask in the strongest way possible that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you do not reverse course I ask you to expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because some of these can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

I also ask you to 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, but will still mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their conscience 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 contraceptives and sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs 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 course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

As a young Catholic woman, it angers me to know that abortion and contraception will be available to me and other young women through health insurance plans. Our bodies, as well as our female dignity, are endangered. Health coverage for abortion and contraception will cause an increase in the number of young women being used by men for sexual pleasure instead of being loved for who they are as people. Many contraceptives are also abortifacients, and present a very real health risk in the form of blood clots, stroke, etc. to the woman herself as well as being destructive to the life of her child. Abortion destroys the woman's child, which is in itself objectionable, but it also does tremendous psychological and emotional damage to the woman herself, as well as causing a great risk of physical harm to her body. Please, as a young woman, speaking for women, I am begging you... please protect our conscience rights! We can not support insurance coverage of contraceptives and abortion. They hurt women, not help them.

Sincerely,  
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