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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/or group insurance and have moral or religious objections to your mandate. I strongly oppose the government's forcing free insurance coverage on Americans, especially for drugs, devices, and procedures that I have every reason and every right to oppose.

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of "religious employer," to offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization or business that has moral or religious objections 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 far too narrow, and would mean that a host of businesses and organizations having conscience objections would be required to choose between violating their consciences or not providing health insurance to their employees.

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, sterilization procedures, and infanticidal drugs. No American should be forced by government to essentially subsidize services to which he objects. I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse course and remove contraceptives, sterilizations, and abortion drugs from the list of mandatory 'preventive' services.

Sincerely,
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