To Whom it May Concern,

I do not want to subsidize other people's birth control according to the recent Department of Health & Human Services mandate under the Affordable Care Act. I also strongly object to the inclusion of free sterilization as well as abortifacient pills like ella. Furthermore, it is coercion, not healthcare, to force religious employers to offer plans including services that are against their religious and moral beliefs.

It is incomprehensible that HHS policy is being guided more by campaign donor friends at Planned Parenthood than by the American values of democracy, freedom of religion, and conscience rights. Birth control, which has numerous negative side effects, has nothing to do with health but a lot to do with money. Planned Parenthood doesn't need our tax dollars and insurance premiums.

President Obama and the HSS have overstepped the boundaries of decency and democracy with this mandate. How ironic that the defenders of "choice" are shoving contraception and sterilization down our throats with federal mandates.

Sincerely,

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