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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.

Aside from the whole problem of making people who like me do not want to pay for abortions or the tools that directly lead to it. this law I think is also approaching things from the wrong angle. by implying that all one needs to do to protect them self's when "having it on" is to take some pill or have some procedure then they are safe. This is not the case at all while those can protect against getting pregnant, that isn't the only possible side effect from doing that deed and those will provide absolutely no protection against any thing else; an example of a side effect that is very possible and costly and these pills can not prevent is STD's or even HIV/AIDS. Instead of doing all this work to say yes you can do the deed just take the right prevention methods and hope they work. (and we all pay if they don't) we should be saying it's not something to be done lightly or causally. and to go in knowing what the risks really are and that there is no fool proof way of doing it.

Sincerely, Rodney Johnson Altamonte Springs, FL 32701