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To Whom It May Concern:

1. Please rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that private health insurance cover all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures. Many employers offering insurance have sincerely-held religious beliefs that would be violated if they were required to provide "health care coverage" like this.

2. Please improve your definition of a 'religious employer' by giving true conscience-protections for ANY ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS THAT HAS MORAL OR RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO PROVIDING SUCH INSURANCE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. The definition of "religious employer" in your regulation is so narrow as to include only churches. It does not protect the many businesses and organizations, whose owners may in fact be members of the very churches exempted by your mandate! These persons will be forced to fund objectionable drugs or devices (such as Ella and Plan B) or they will have to forgo offering any health insurance at all.

No American should be forced to subsidize services they object to.

I urge you to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services OR expand the definition of 'religious employer' to include any organization with sincerely-held religious beliefs.

Sincerely,
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