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General Comment

The Secular Coalition for Alabama believes that all Americans should have access to preventative health care services, including contraception methods and counseling. Women should continue to enjoy the right to determine for themselves what health services they will use in consultation with their healthcare providers, not their employers.

We stand in direct opposition to the call by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to strip away contraceptive methods and counseling from the regulation. The Secular Coalition for Alabama is opposed to this proposed imposition of a religious position on American women. No employer should have the right to impose their religious views on their employees and all women should have the right to determine what it appropriate when it comes to their own health and wellbeing.

I urge Secretary Sebelius to end religious discrimination in health care.

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