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Our freedom to make choices based on individual conscience and personal integrity is a bedrock of American society. As such, this basic human right is being steadily eroded. Are we really going to force all employers to pay for birth control methods that are known to terminate an existing life--and show blatant disregard for a personal conviction that takes offense at this? Is a formal religious institution the only entity that is entitled to maintain its own conscience in this matter? If we permit our government to legislate against the conscience of our individual businesses, then we will soon face governmental control of our families and individual lives as well. This is a grave mistake. Please reconsider and repeal this legislation.

--Lori Bourne