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General Comment

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops http://action.centerforinquiry.net/site/R?
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i=nyNXYvA1RXWxANSkHW3YRQ> are lobbying HHS either to eliminate the new contraception guidelines or widely expand the current exemption clause — which now covers employers whose main purpose is to promote religious doctrine — to include religious hospitals and charities.

This means that hundreds of thousands of women would be left without preventative health coverage simply because of their employer's religiously motivated objections.

In response, CFI and several organizations are sending a letter http://action.centerforinquiry.net/site/R?i=GvG6sFMxCSeJasKsgQNLBg to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, pushing her to maintain her ground on the new guidelines. However, Sebelius is facing mounting pressure from religious groups and believers.