To Whom It May Concern:

The Institute of Medicine committee recommendations are a violation of the conscience to any organization that opposes abortion and provision of free contraceptive materials (including those that cause an abortion). This requirement violates the rights of individuals and groups and is a form of religious discrimination. In Spokane, the largest provider of health care is a consortium of Catholic hospitals, with Catholic hospitals in a neighboring county being the only hospitals available. To force these groups to violate their conscience will disrupt essential services and is seen widely as a political move to carry out a specific (and unpopular) social agenda , not one based on reason and common sense.. The requirement will also increase the cost of health care. Don't do it!

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