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To Whom It May Concern:

The killing of innocent human life is not popular in America anymore. Therefore, please rescind the unjust, coercive, and unamerican/socialist mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients.

I would also suggest that conscience protections are in order for organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose government forcing "free" insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

Also, the definition of "religious employer" needs considerable expansion to offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization or business with moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws prohibiting government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds, not the least of which is the First Amendment's free exercise of religion clause. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, leaving a host of other entities to violate their consciences or not offer their employees health insurance.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and all Americans who object to being forced by the government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, especially when they can destroy an innocent human life. No American should be unconstitutionally forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to. I again urge you to remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely, L Wilson Arvada, CO 80003