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General Comment

Laws which force U.S. citizens to fund population control through health insurance company mandates essentially force Americans belonging to certain faith denominations to compromise their religious beliefs in order to provide or pay for health care. This action on the part of the federal government not only seeks to violate rights protected under the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution which states as follows: "Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise of religion," it also imposes government control over religious organizations by affording such groups no alternative but to either submit to what is morally repugnant or be denied the freedom to effectively carry on its business. In not allowing these institutions and citizens the freedom to follow what they believe is right, this type of legislation emulates that of communist, socialist and fascist regimes. For these reasons I am asking that this law, which would force U.S. citizens to fund population control through health insurance company mandates, not be legislated in order to preserve the freedoms for which this country has stood and fought for throughout its history.