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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask in the strongest way possible that you rescind the mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance or at the minimum to broaden the exemption for religious organizations.

The regulations would require Catholic universities, hospitals, and other organizations to offer sterilization procedures and prescription contraceptives, including pills that act after fertilization to induce abortions. This is an assault on religious liberty.

The regulations providing an exemption which requires that all employees and those the organization serves adhere to the tenets of the religion seem purposely drafted to be as narrow as possible in order to drive an ideological stake through those religious organizations who strive to work with the poor and others regardless of their religious affiliations. The regulations must be broadened to include any organization that shares common religious bonds with a church.

Sincerely,
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