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## To Whom it May Concern at HHS:

Religious employers should be totally and generously exempted from the requirement to provide health insurance, which includes conscience-provoking measures as contraceptives, abortion, sterilization, etc. Pregnancy is not a disease to be prevented and should not be mandated as "preventive health service." Respect for conscience is foundational to a just society. At a minimum a robust conscience protection should be granted, not only for all religious employers, but also for all employers, insurers, and policy issuers with moral, ethical, or religious objections. As it is, the limitations contained in the regulations for religious employers make the exemption virtually meaningless.

Please respect the religious beliefs of our citizens!

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