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I am writing regarding the recent decision by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to mandate free coverage of contraception, surgical sterilization, and known abortion-inducing drugs. I feel strongly that this decision leaves healthcare professionals and taxpayers at grave risk of having their moral and religious convictions trampled upon as well as endangering the lives of countless women.

In this country we should protect the choice of individuals, we should allow them the freedom to make their own decision whether or not to participate in such procedures--not mandate them.

Also, we cannot consider contraception "preventative care" since pregnancy is not a disease, and also when hormonal contraception **CAUSES increased risk of stroke, cancer, premature delivery, and abortions increase the risk of suicide, breastcancer, premature delivery, etc.** The FDA is currently reevaluating the safety of newer hormonal contraception due to the increased risks to women. **DO NOT** mandate funding for these deadly drugs and *please, please* fund further research to the potential risks to women!

Our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends deserve better!

Please support the Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179)

and do not go through with the mandate for coverage of contraception, surgical sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs!

Thank you  
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