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HHS,

It has been brought to my attention that within the new law mandating that insurance plans provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives, the requirements for the "religious employer" exemption are so strict that most religious employers are actually excluded from this exemption. While I disagree with this new law altogether, I most strongly disagree with the requirements for the "religious employer" exemption. I ask that steps be taken immediately to enable religious employers to be exempt from these damaging new mandates.

Sincerely,  
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