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The current definition of religious employer does not provide true conscience protection for those committed to preserving life. Health care plans should not be forced to violate the moral and religious convictions of providers or employees in order to participate in the health care system. Requiring such an unacceptable demand threatens both universal access to health care and religious freedom of conscience. Providing such a dangerous definition threatens the provision of service to millions of people who receive health care services from Catholic hospitals and other Catholic social service agencies. Please further research the actual effect of this mandate before implementing it.

Thank you.

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