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Subject: RIN 1210-AB44 Mandatory Birth Control

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## To Whom it May Concern,

I am outraged that we, the people, have once again been steamrolled by the Obama administration and Planned Parenthood. Our right to give input on rules promulgated by the government has been set aside and our religious freedoms have been thrown under the bus.

We will be required to pay for other people's contraception through our insurance premiums, and Catholic institutions and employers will be required to provide and participate in insurance programs that include abortifacient birth control.

As Planned Parenthood "applauds the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) decision requiring new insurance plans to fully cover FDA-approved contraceptive methods without co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs," those who oppose paying for abortifacient birth control are left without even a forum to object. That is why I turn to you today.

The Obama administration, through its various departments, unilaterally set aside the required period for public comments and implemented the requirements as of the date of publication in the Federal RegisterAugust 3, 2011.

The reason given for setting aside statutory provision for public comment? "The Departments have determined that such a delay in implementation of the statutory requirement that women receive vital preventive services without cost-sharing would be contrary to the public interest because it could result in adverse health consequences that may not otherwise have occurred."

This reasoning is ridiculous and the regulations are an affront to my religious liberties.

As a member of your constituency, I ask you to please take any and all steps available to rectify this situation, and notify me of the steps that are being taken to right this horrible wrong.

Sincerely,

Eugene Johnson Stafford, Virginia