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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. On the other hand, if you do not reverse course I ask you to have conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance, especially for those having moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government mandating free insurance coverage on Americans, especially for any drugs or device that that can cause the equivalent of an abortion.

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization or business, that has moral or religious objections in providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws, that prohibit government discrimination against those who object to such health services on the basis of moral or religious grounds.

The definition of a "religious employer," in this regulation is so narrow, it only includes churches. However, a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will still be required to support it. This is supposed to be a free country, one with free choice, not one where employers are forced to choose between either violating their conscience, or not being able to offer employees health insurance.

Please, let the law continue to protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who object to being forced against our will by the federal government. Our conscience is violated if forced to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs can take the life of early unborn children. No Americans should be forced by federal government to subsidize services they object to. Again I urge you in the strongest way possible to reconsider and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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