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To Whom It May Concern:

I write today to demand in the strongest way possible that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate for all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures to be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you do not reverse course, you should expand conscience protections for any and all organizations that provide individual and group insurance AND have MORAL or RELIGIOUS objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans, most especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because some of these can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B). Being forced to pay for the deaths of unborn children violates our freedom of conscience and free practice of religion.

You must reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization or business that has moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include formal churches, (but not parachurch organizations)but will still mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their conscience or not being able to offer employees health insurance. Disgusting!

Please protect our conscience rights with insurers, providers and people like me who OBJECT to being FORCED by the federal government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and anti-life sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs can take the lives of unborn children. No Americans should be forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to and find morally repugnant. I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse course. Remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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