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To Whom it May Concern,

I am very alarmed to hear that your department will be mandating birth control with no co-pays under the Affordable Care Act. The World Health Organization lists estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives among 106 other deadly substances like arsenic, asbestos, and tobacco on its most dangerous list of substances-those classified as "carcinogenic to humans." There is also a risk factor for blood clots, and the U.S. sees approx. one million unplanned pregnancies annually due to contraception failure.

Birth control is already widely available to all women, subsidized largely by taxpayers. Demanding that we further subsidize other people's birth control by increasing our insurance premiums in these days when families are struggling just to make ends meet is an outrage.

The mandate is culturally insensitive to my conscience and that of millions of Americans who oppose birth control on moral and religious grounds (and the conscience provisions to address this are too narrow). Why not advocate modern versions of NaproTechnology and NFP, which is just as effective for married couples and without the risky side effects?

It is undisputed that one of the operations of contraceptives is to render the endometrium hostile to implantation, so that if fertilization occurs, the newly conceived child may be lost to an early abortion. I also strongly object to the inclusion of free sterilization as well as abortifacient pills like ella, which can work weeks after a person's biological beginning to cause an abortion.

It is imperative that you give credence to my personal objection along with those of millions of other Americans who do not want to be forced to pay for and provide medication, devices, and procedures that do not treat or prevent any disease or illness, but distort and render inoperable a healthy reproductive system. This rule is unjust, untenable, and un-American--and it should be stricken.

Sincerely,

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