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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today as a social worker at a Catholic Hospital to ask in the strongest way possible 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. If you do not reverse course I ask you to expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing "free" insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization and 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 churches, 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.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who object to being forced by the federal government 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 the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to. I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

In addition, I urge you to pay attention to whether this entire health care initiative can be paid for in today's recession, as the numbers do not add up! Although affordable health care is a goal we need to seek, this bill does not seem to reward those who work hard to maintain jobs that provide benefits and instead seems to focus on helping only those who for whatever reason choose not to pay for themselves or their families. Medicaid is a huge example of that as young women are given "free" insurance for themselves and their out of wedlock children with no parental/financial responsibility until the mothers turn 21 - no wonder the family and America as a whole is weakening!

There are many areas of "common ground" that could be sought in a truly rational health care program, but this current plan with it's pandering to special interest groups is not in the best interest of this great country! Let's get back to "first do no harm" as our goal and remove abortion and free contraception/sterilization from the debate!

Sincerely,
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