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## General Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose any exemption that allows an exclusion of preventative health services for some women based on their employers' religious beliefs. Individual freedom should not be trumped by religious freedom.

During a time when jobs are scarce and organizations and companies may discriminate based on religious beliefs, and when individuals are not able to use marketplace pressures to force employers to accede to the majority's wishes of contraceptive coverage, it is the responsibility of government to protect the interests of those who are unable to protect themselves.

This entire issue is an attempt by religious zealots to outlaw/restrict/make it harder for women to receive the preventive health coverage they need and deserve. Please do NOT allow a religious exemption.

Sincerely,  
Keri Adams