To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request that you rescind the liberty-stripping mandate that all contraceptives and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. I strongly oppose any governmental action or legislation that results in forced insurance coverage and/or "free" controversial mandatory-covered services.

At minimum, please expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. 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. Also, please consider modifying your presently narrow definition of religious employer. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, but will still mean that many 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 (ella and Plan B) 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.

Sincerely,

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