

Office of Health Plan Standards & Compliance Assistance
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Sept 27, 2011

Subject: Contraceptive Mandate

Dear Sir / Madam,

Contraception, elective sterilization and procured abortion are strongly linked with the rising rate of breast and uterine cancers, infertility, promiscuity among youth, frustration of material inclinations, increased domestic violence, separation, divorce and the decline of the two parent family.

Every act that separates the unitive and procreative dimensions of Marriage or human sexuality is intrinsically evil and the source of every kind of sexual sin. (Pope Paul VI)

The Subject determination by the Secretary of H.H.S. amounts to a blatant and flagrant abuse of authority because it attacks the rights of conscience, freedom of religion and the common good. The decision is made in open conflict with the tenets of the Secretary's own Catholic faith leading one to believe she dismissed the content of an informed conscience.

The arbitrary decision of the Secretary as well as the entire Affordable Care Act constitutes an act of violence and forces individuals and organizations to choose between their conscience and their livelihood.

Respectfully Yours,



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