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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing beg that you rescind the unjust mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. There are moral issues involved and costs to employers that are far too burdensome for our people. We already do not have enough jobs and our government is in too much debt, how can we afford another rule that will have to be enforced?

If you do not reverse course I ask you to, at the very least, expand conscience protections for organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objection to drugs and devices intended to kill future Americans at their earliest stage of life.

I adamantly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because some of these 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 coverage at all. This is especially repugnant in a country that was founded for religious freedom!

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.

Sincerely,
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