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I am very concerned about the HHS intention to recognize church organizations only as they meet their definition. Pregnancy is not a disease. Requiring employers provide insurance that includes contraceptives, sterilizations and education on their use is a huge infringement upon religious liberty. The government should stay out of the church. Our first amendment rights demand it.

To curtail the activities of a church ministry by requiring that it serve only people of its own faith is to deny the mission of the church itself. We are to serve all in need. There is no litmus test before we render aid. If there were, organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army would not be the first responders to the catastrophies of the world that they are. We are to reach out in our communities. We meet needs first and share our faith second.

Please stop the HHS attempt to impose requirements that violate the conscience of the people working for church-related organizations. Conscientious objections by organizations as well as individuals should be respected by the government.

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