

To: E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA

Subject: God said Go forth and MULTIPLY; He did NOT say "Go forth and [REDACTED] in your nest." Let's have some family planning please. We've multiplied quite far enough as a species.

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To whom it may concern:

Before the world gets totally overrun by TOO GROSSLY LARGE OF A POPULATION, I just want to speak out. RELIGIONS EVERYWHERE ARE MADE UP OF A LOT OF PURE IGNORANCE, MANIPULATION AND FAIRY STORIES, and they are HOLDING THE HUMAN RACE BACK. Unless they actually help people. Which in this case they don't. What we need from religion is elimination of poverty and violence, and a better life for EVERYONE; not mindless mind control and power plays and falsehoods and dogmas. Thank you for hearing me out. I have just seen THE BOOK OF MORMON musical in New York City, and you should see it too, if ya really wanna get hip to the hippest of what's hip. The point of that whole musical is that religion is only good if it helps people. And religion trying to restrict people's access to birth control DOES NOT HELP THE HUMAN RACE.

I join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in asking you to accept the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine as pertain to coverage of preventive care under the new health care law, and to reject any exemptions for "religious employers." These preventive services are a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

While AAUW believes that "religious refusal" exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services, others, driven by an ideological distaste for all contraceptive services, are pushing the government to make exemptions even larger. Indeed, some groups are pushing for the exemption to apply to religiously-run health providers, so hospitals with religious affiliations would be exempt from the coverage requirement, even though they employ people of all faiths and ideologies. If granted, this larger exemption would deny access to thousands of women just because of where they work.

I urge you to ensure women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM's recommendations and rejecting the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

Sincerely,
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