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To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention via news reports that the U.S. Health and Human Services is considering implementing mandated participation of contraception coverage even against the normal religious conscience rights in the health care industry. I would like to take this opportunity to remind the H.H.S. that fertility is not a disease and mandating contraceptive coverage is sexist because only women are required to participate in this activity. The H.S.S. will be influencing women to unnecessarily take drugs which at minimum are equivalent to steroids and at maximum abortifacients causing women to be exposed to unwanted long term health problems or ending their life before birth. Therefore, this promotion of ideology and/or big medical cronyism is first and foremost not a health care and is unjust and immoral.

In conclusion, please remove any mandated practice of contraception as it violates both my civil and religious rights, because the current definition of religious employer does not provide true conscience protection for those committed to preserving life. Health care plans should not be forced to violate the moral and religious convictions of providers or employees in order to participate in the health care system. Requiring such an unacceptable demand threatens both universal access to health care and religious freedom of conscience.

Sincerely,  
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