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I strongly DISAGREE with the AAUW position on not exempting employers from providing FREE contraception for employees. This is a personal decision for people, and I strongly feel that such provisions are not expensive in any case, and no one should be forced to pay taxes to provide this. If people want it, they can pay the small amount of cost. In any case, employers (Ex: hospitals) should not be forced to provide such coverage and should suffer no penalty for not doing so. After all, this is supposed to be a free country, and we shouldn't be forced to pay taxes for something we find abhorrent. It is well known that some contraceptives are also abortifacients, and I cannot support anything that would destroy a human life, no matter how small.

I am 79 years old, and have been married for a long time, but unfortunately was not blessed with children. I strongly feel that life is a wonderful gift, and that we should encourage self-control. We need EDUCATION, not free contraceptives. Natural family planning is a much better choice; it allows people to choose whether or not to become pregnant, with no fatal (for the fetus) consequences. Again - it just takes EDUCATION!

Sincerely,
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