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## **General Comment**

As a small business owner, my conscience prevents me from providing birth control coverage in my employees' health-care plan. While I believe that this entire health-care legislation package is a gross overreach of federal government powers, I believe this mandate to provide birth control coverage requires swift action. Lift this mandate at once, in order that business owners can act in a manner consistent with their firmly-held beliefs on this controversial issue.

There is no way that providing birth control coverage will save money. Birth control drugs are expensive, encourage promiscuity, can be very dangerous (as in the case of the "morning-after pill"), and have been linked to breast cancer in women. Also, and more importantly, a nation's future is its children. Babies are not something to be feared or destroyed, but rather blessings from an Almighty God who gives life as his greatest gift. Our country's disdain for children may become its undoing. In any case, the federal government has no right to require me to fund the murder of the most innocent and vulnerable in our society.

I urge HHS to re-think the mandate, and if repeal of the legislation isn't possible, to at least write policies that do not violate conscience on controversial issues.