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### General Comment

NARAL is asking that to be religious organizations should not be excluded from this bill. However, we would encourage the broadening of the religious exemption to include right-to-life organizations, Catholic hospitals, and Christian radio stations.

Contraceptives are not a medical necessity and pregnancy is not a disease. Birth control is widely available and publicly funded programs already provide it for women who cannot afford it.