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General Comment

I am writing in opposition to NARAL's urging that religious employers not be allowed to opt of the requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act forcing insurance companies to provide free health care to women including contraceptives and pills that may cause abortions. Birth control is widely available and publicly funded programs already provide it for women who cannot afford it. Contraceptives are not a medical necessity and pregnancy is not a disease.

To force religious employers to participate in the insurance pools that offer these services is a violation of employers and individuals 1st Amendment Rights of Freedom of Religion and speech. I believe that the opt out options should actually be expanded to include more religious based employers not currently included