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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to ask in the strongest way possible that you rescind the unjust and coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. If you do not reverse course I ask you to expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I strongly oppose the government forcing free insurance coverage on Americans especially for drugs and devices that I oppose because some of these can cause an abortion (such as ella and Plan B).

I am 100% pro-life and if, and when, I again carry some sort of health insurance, I do NOT want to be forced to pay for any part of abortion related services through my premiums! This is an infringement on my civil and religious liberties and rights, as it is forcing myself and millions of other pro-life Americans to pay for a service that we find morally repugnant and against our belief that ALL life is sacred and should not be ended by medical or pharmaceutical means, especially while still in the womb.

If a woman chooses to use these services, that is her choice, but she should be required to pay for it as with any other elective medical procedure or service and the burden should not be shifted to everyone in the covered insurance group.

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of religious employer and offer an authentic conscience protection for any organization and business that has moral or religious objection to providing such insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds. The definition of "religious employer" in the regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, but will still mean that a host of businesses and organizations that have conscience objections will be required to choose between either violating their conscience or not being able to offer employees health insurance.

On the flip side of this, would you want for someone to insist that you participate in an activity or act that went against everything that you believed in, enforcing this by a law that would penalize you if you did not cooperate? Adding this clause to the health care law goes against my conscience and beliefs and the beliefs of thousands of health care workers and pharmacists across the country.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who object to being forced by the federal government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, especially when some of these drugs can take the life of early unborn children. No Americans should be forced by the federal government to essentially subsidize services they object to.

I again urge you in the strongest way possible to reverse course and remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services as the only thing that this type of service prevents is human life.

Sincerely,
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