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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to rescind the coercive mandate that all "contraceptives" and sterilization procedures be covered by private health insurance with no co-pay to patients. I additionally ask that you expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. I am totally opposed to the government forcing 'free' insurance coverage on Americans, especially for drugs and devices that can cause abortions (such as Ella and Plan B).

I also ask you to reconsider your definition of religious employer to offer true conscience protection for any organization or business that has moral or religious objections to providing contraceptive/sterilization/abortion insurance to their employees. This legal mandate clearly violates the spirit of "conscience laws" which prohibit government discrimination against those who object to health services on moral or religious grounds. The current definition of "religious employer" is so narrow as to only include churches, and leaves unprotected a multitude of businesses and organizations with conscience objections, who will be forced to choose between violating their conscience or not offering health insurance to their employees.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers and people like me who totally object to being forced by the federal government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, especially those which can kill not-yet-born children. No Americans should be forced by the federal government to subsidize in any way "services" they object to. I totally urge you to remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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