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To Whom it May Concern,

I object to mandating birth control.

Birth control is already widely available. Demanding that we further subsidize other people's birth control by increasing our insurance premiums in these days when families are struggling just to make ends meet is an outrage.

The mandate violates my conscience and that of millions of Americans who oppose birth control on moral and religious grounds.

And what of Catholic employers and others who oppose birth control, but are now going to be forced to participate in these plans and/or offer it to their employees? This flies in the face of the conscience protections that Americans have historically enjoyed.

The conscience provisions attached to the rule are so narrowly crafted that they would appear to force Catholic institutions to make free birth control and sterilization available in health plans, or cease hiring and providing services to non-Catholics.

It is incomprehensible that such a mandate is being forced upon the people of the United States.

The majority of Americans are pro-life and we do not want our tax dollars and insurance premiums supporting the nation's largest abortion chain.

It is imperative that you give credence to my personal objection along with those of millions of other Americans who do not want to be forced to pay for and provide medication, devices, and procedures that do not treat or prevent any disease or illness, but distort and render inoperable a healthy reproductive system. This rule is unjust, untenable, and un-American--and it should be stricken.

Sincerely,

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