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## General Comment

I oppose any exemption that allows an exclusion of preventative health services for some women based on their employers' religion. It is not religious freedom that is protected when such an exemption is made, but individual freedom that is restricted.

During a time when jobs are scarce and organizations and companies may discriminate based on religious beliefs, and when individuals are not able to use marketplace pressures to force employers to accede to the majority's wishes of contraceptive coverage, it is the responsibility of government to protect the interests of those who are unable to protect themselves.