To Whom It May Concern:

I object to the fanciful presentation that pregnancy is a "disease" and therefore requires healthcare insurance coverage to pay for "preventive" medical services. Pregnancy can be a problem--but it is not a disease--and neither I nor anyone else should be coerced to pay for the mandated and costly coverages which the current health legislation dictates.

If you determine to continue to hold many people hostage with this imaginative definition, then I ask that you at least expand conscience protections for any organizations that provide individual and group insurance and have moral or religious objections. This is fair, this is American. This is First Amendment rights/freedom of conscience protection.

I would 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. If you do not, you will be helping to close down the currently strained food banks, rescue missions, counseling offices, thrift stores, and all sorts of faith-based endeavors which are providing our nation's millions of needy people with some type of shelter, food, clothing and rehabilitative services as they attempt to recover (if recovery is even possible) the effects of the multiple tornadoes and hurricanes of just this year alone. Budgets for these agencies are always tight; this is certainly not the time to harass them by mandating they pay for coverages many deem morally repugnant and actually harmful. Frankly

++++++++, no Americans should be forced by the federal government to subsidize services they object to.

I again urge you in the strongest way possible to remove contraceptives and sterilizations from the list of mandatory preventive services for the "disease" of pregnancy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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