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President Barack Obama
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing you to formally protest the August 2011 Health & Human Services (HHS) mandate that coerces employers to provide “contraceptives, sterilization, and abortifacient services,” even when they contravene their deeply-held moral/religious values. I do so based upon the following arguments:

1. In the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution, Amendment I, it says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances.” There are 7 rights presented in this amendment. The one that receives the least amount of publicity is the “free exercise” clause. The United States Constitution specifically protects the free exercise of religion through the clause, “Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” The Constitution does not protect the “freedom of worship,” or the freedom to go to church on Sunday, or temple on Saturday. It protects beyond that to the “free exercise” of one’s religious beliefs. Thus, clearly what you have attempted to do with this mandate is to manufacture a major obstacle to the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States, a document which, in your oath of office, you swore to uphold.

2. Provision of these “services” harms rather than helps women.

Contraception and sterilization turn the healthcare of women upside down, treating a woman’s normal fertility as if it were a disease and her induced sterility as “health.” Abortifacient drugs also turn the healthcare of women on its head. They kill, not just the nascent human life in the womb, but the spiritual/emotional life of the woman who uses them. What’s more, the contraceptive culture that grows up around these practices robs women of the mystery and power of their freedom and dignity and sexual expression.

3. Provision of these “services” also harms, rather than helps, men.

I believe evolutionary anthropologist, Lionel Tiger explains it best in the following:

“[T]he introduction of widespread contraception use in the 1960s caused a revolutionary break between men and women. It puts biological disputes at the center of our national life – women’s rights, abortion, out-of-wedlock births, the turmoil among Afro-American men and the rise of angry white men. I do not think anyone is to blame here in the sense that they planned a raid on civil society and got away with it. As it happens frequently, technology (contraception, in this case) has generated an unexpected result: more abortions, more single-parent families, more men abandoning their role of being good providers and a higher divorce rate.”

4. Provision of these “services” at the cost of coercing employers’ conscience harms rather than helps the political organization of the nation.

To the extent that the HHS mandate fails to give a primary of place to the free exercise of a conscientious judgment of its employer-citizens, I believe to that extent, you, Mr. President, in the name of the state, have overreached your authority, abrogating the right to decide what is good and evil and, in the process, failing to secure the fundamental rights of individuals against the unjust encroachment of government and the majoritarian view. In fact, this is the approach of dictators more than it is of democratically elected individuals who swear their loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

5. Violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. [Pub.L.No 103-141, 107 Stat 1488 (1993)].

The HHS mandate directly violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This appears to be the approach of the administration: a desire to walk rough-shod over the laws that have helped produce peace and tranquility within the culture.

6. Natural family planning services are left out.

As an interesting aside to all of this, the only thing that is approved for the avoidance of pregnancy in this dictate are the artificial methods of contraception all of which have serious and significant side effects. Specifically, the natural methods of family planning have been excluded, and therefore, it is discriminatory on a religious basis to those individuals who find this approach to family planning consistent with their beliefs. Furthermore, it is discriminatory in that it does not allow for a methodology to be provided that carries with it no side effects, risk of death, etc., and yet has the same success rates to avoid pregnancy as the oral contraceptive. Furthermore, with the use of the **CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System**, a specific natural methodology, there has developed now the new women’s health science of **NaProTECHNOLOGY** which can deal with each of the medical conditions for which the oral contraceptives are usually prescribed. **NaProTECHNOLOGY** (Natural Procreative Technology) gets to the root cause of the underlying problem or symptom, it does not just mask it as the oral contraceptive does. The full medical textbook on this is entitled, *The Medical & Surgical Practice of NaProTECHNOLOGY* and it is 1,244 pages in length. This is real science at the service of the human person.

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You should know that I am proud to speak on behalf of some of the most exemplary physicians in the United States. To the person, these 400+ clinicians are dedicated to the provision of a comprehensive, versatile approach to women's healthcare called **NaProTECHNOLOGY** (NPT). NPT replaces the destructive and suppressive effects of contraception, sterilization, abortion and IVF. The medical and surgical protocols of NPT empower the individual and the physician to optimize a woman's reproductive health.

I also summarize the sentiments of thousands of instructors who have also trained in the provision of the **CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System** and are devoted to teaching American women and couples how to track their menstrual and ovulatory cycles. Again, you can count on these **FertilityCare™** Practitioners (FCP) – day in and day out – to do nothing to destroy a woman's fertility; to do everything, instead, to enable women to intelligently monitor and maintain their fertility, and to assist women in such a way that they have a much better understanding of how their body works. There are now over 250 **FertilityCare™** Centers throughout the United States that provide these services. All of which are in direct moral resistance and opposition to contraception, sterilization, abortion and *in vitro* fertilization.

I also speak for tens of thousands of patients and clients in the United States who, over the past several decades, have preferentially accessed **NaProTECHNOLOGY** and **FertilityCare™**. They, Mr. President, want no part of a pseudo-system of reproductive healthcare. That is to say, they eschew contraception, sterilization, abortion and *in vitro* fertilization because they recognize that these so-called protective services are systematically demolishing the health of women, marriage and the family.

Sincerely yours,

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