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Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Attention: CMS-9903-P P.O. Box 8016 Baltimore, MD 21244-8016

VIA REGULATIONS.GOV

RE: Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act

CMS-9903-P; RIN 0938-AU94; CMS-2023-0016-0001

Dear Ms. Brooks-LaSure,

I am filing this comment on behalf of the Alabama Center for Law and Liberty ("ACLL") and the Alabama Policy Institute ("API"), both of which are conservative nonprofit organizations that fight for limited government, free markets, and strong families. ACLL and API are not incorporated as religious organizations. Nevertheless, they are committed to the principles of religious liberty and the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception/fertilization based on moral and ethical convictions. Therefore, ACLL and API currently enjoy the right under the 2018 moral exemptions rule to not cover certain items required by the contraceptive mandate that may prevent the implantation of a newly conceived human being at the embryonic stage. Rescinding the moral exemptions will injure our organizations by taking away this right, and yet will advance no government interest.

Sincerely,

Matthew Clark

President, Alabama Center for Law and Liberty

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