

February 4, 2012

Congressman Robert Latta
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latta,

On January 20, 2012, it was announced that the Obama Administration has refused to rescind its requirement that sterilization, medical procedures relating to and including abortion, and contraception are to be included in virtually all health plans by 2013, without regard for religious belief or conscience.

For the United States this is an unprecedented attack on freedom of conscience and of religion. It prompts a troubling question as to just how far the heavy hand of government will go, despite protestations and assurances to the contrary, to impose what Pope Benedict has called 'powerful new cultural currents which are not only directly opposed to core moral teachings of Judeo-Christian tradition, but increasingly hostile to Christianity as such.' 'It is imperative,' the Pope says, 'that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres.'

The people signed below are asking you to please co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). This measure ensures that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation's health care system will be respected.

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