

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0007

Resolution-conscience rights.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brechtel, Burkhardt,
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A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress and the President of
2 the United States to reverse the policy of the U.S.
3 Department of Health and Human Services regarding health
4 plan coverage of sterilization, abortifacients and
5 contraception.

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7 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012 the U.S. Department of Health
8 and Human Services reaffirmed a rule that virtually all
9 private health care plans must cover sterilization,
10 abortifacients and contraception; and

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12 WHEREAS, through this mandate the administration has
13 refused to recognize the Constitutional conscience rights
14 of organizations and individuals, thereby launching an

1 unprecedented attack on conscience rights and religious
2 liberty; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is unconstitutional for federal government to
5 require such facilities, including hospitals and schools,
6 to violate their religious beliefs or moral convictions;
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9 WHEREAS, the mandate threatens the religious freedoms of
10 all Americans; and

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12 WHEREAS, freedom of conscience is a bedrock liberty,
13 inherent to the human person created in the image of God,
14 not a privilege based on the whim of the state; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is an injustice to force Americans to choose
17 between violating their consciences and forgoing their
18 healthcare; and

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20 WHEREAS, longstanding federal laws expressing the decided
21 opinion of Congress and the American people have protected
22 Constitutional conscience rights.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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4 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature calls upon
5 The President to reverse the mandate of the U.S. Department
6 of Health and Human Services.

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8 **Section 2.** That the Wyoming Legislature calls upon
9 Congress to act in defense of First Amendment rights,
10 states' rights, rights of conscience and freedom of
11 religion.

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13 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
14 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
15 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
17 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
18 Delegation.

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