

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on HHS contraceptive mandate

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**WASHINGTON**—Today, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued the following statement after the Trump administration announced new conscience protections regarding the provision of contraception and abortifacents in employee health care plans:

*“This is a landmark day for religious liberty. Under the Obama administration, this constitutional right was seriously eroded. One of the most significant culprits was the Health and Human Services’ contraceptive mandate, which I have fought against [in defense of the Little Sisters of the Poor](#). Now, the Trump administration has developed a commonsense rule to avoid a needless fight. The conscience protections installed will ensure that people and organizations can freely live out their religious convictions and moral beliefs. We now look to the Department of Justice for a quick and final resolution of the pending cases of the Little Sisters and others. I applaud the Trump administration for standing up for religious liberty. We will work to continue to strengthen this right so integral to our civil society.”*