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RESOLUTION COSPONSOR MEMO #17

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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Jane C. Orie 
DATE: October 20, 2011
SUBJECT: Federal Conscientious Objector

I will soon be introducing a resolution memorializing Congress to pass H.R. 1179 or S. 1467, the "Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011."

The U.S. Health and Human Services Department's proposed "religious exemption" to the requirement that new or significantly altered health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization for women under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is so narrow as to exclude most Catholic social service agencies, health care providers, educational institutions and other religious-sponsored organizations. This new directive would in effect force the closure of many faith-based entities.

Please join me in cosponsoring this resolution by contacting Monica Armstrong at 787-6538 or by email at marmstrong@pasen.gov

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