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## Catholics for Choice on HHS Rules

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From the press release issued by the group "Catholics for Choice":

*?It?s obvious that once again, the administration listened to the lobbyists for the Catholic bishops and their big business interests like Catholic healthcare, instead of Americans of every faith and of none who support the separation of religion and state and believe that public policy should not impose or privilege any religious viewpoint. Allowing such a wide exemption gives religious extremists carte blanche to trump the rights of others, based merely on the assertion of a belief about contraception even if that belief runs contrary to science or the widely-held convictions of co-religionists.*

*?While protecting contraceptive access under the ACA is a win for women, the administration?s caving in to lobbying from conservative religious pressure groups is a loss for everyone. American Catholics who support contraceptive coverage, who believe in the separation of church and state and who were hoping for change in Washington are disappointed today.?*

Funny the Becket Fund doesn't see it this way. I have long considered Catholics for Choice to be a thoroughly pernicious organization, but every once in awhile, they issue a press release that makes one smile at the ironies politics produces in this town.

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