On March 25, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in lawsuits brought by Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., a national arts-and-crafts chain, and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp., a cabinet manufacturer. The cases challenge the Affordable Care Act's requirement that insurance plans include coverage for contraception with no co-pay, which was designed to advance women's health and equality. We, the undersigned members of the Coalition for Liberty & Justice, express our support for the right of all workers and their dependents to access contraceptive coverage under the Affordable Care Act and to make personal decisions about using contraception based on their own beliefs. We oppose the corporations' attempts to invoke their owners' religious beliefs to undermine women's health and equality and interfere in their personal decision-making. Corporations should not be permitted to impose religious views on their employees.

We represent a diverse cross-section of communities, including faith-based and secular groups as well as those dedicated to LGBT rights, women's rights, separation of church and state, civil rights and reproductive rights and justice. We are united in our belief that public policies should both respect religious liberty and protect against the use of religious beliefs to discriminate or undermine equality. We believe that true religious liberty respects individuals, supports the common good and reflects the foundational principles of our nation.

We therefore strongly support the rights of female workers and their dependents to follow their consciences, moral codes and beliefs when making a decision about contraception and oppose the plaintiffs' attempts to interfere in this personal decision-making. We hope the Supreme Court will reject the corporations' challenges to the contraceptive coverage regulations.

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