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Statement from Bishop Kevin Vann
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I along with my brother bishops in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continue to urge Catholics and other people of goodwill to contact their elected officials to protest the violation of religious liberty mandated by President Obama and his Administration. While we were hopeful the President was going to propose a meaningful compromise, we now know it basically left unchanged the original mandate that will force all Catholic institutions such as schools, hospitals and charities to violate their faith tenets by forcing them to provide insurance coverage that includes contraceptives and abortifacients. This goes far beyond the issue of contraception and is first and foremost an issue of religious freedom. Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth are *urged to use the list below to contact their legislators and speak out* against this unjust ruling.

We hope to work with the Administration to guarantee that Americans' consciences and our religious freedom are not harmed by these regulations.

Members of Congress representing the Fort Worth Diocese are:

[Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison](#)

[Senator John Cornyn](#)

District 6 - [Congressman Joe Barton](#)

District 12 - [Congresswoman Kay Granger](#)

District 13 - [Congressman Mac Thornberry](#)

District 17 - [Congressman Bill Flores](#)

District 19 - [Congressman Randy Neugebauer](#)

District 24 - [Congressman Kenny Marchant](#)

District 26 - [Congressman Michael Burgess](#)

District 31 - [Congressman John Carter](#)