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Women Deserve No-Cost Coverage for Contraception Regardless of Where They Work

Legislative Fix to Hobby Lobby Ruling Is a Step in the Right Direction

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Statement by Jessica Arons, President and CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP), on the introduction of the “Protect Women’s Health from Corporate Interference Act,” which would legislatively reverse last week’s Supreme Court decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* and *Conestoga Wood v. Burwell* allowing closely-held for-profit corporations to deny contraceptive coverage to their employees for religious reasons:

“The *Hobby Lobby* decision threatens to deny no-cost birth control coverage to millions of women and it opens the door for corporations to use religion as an excuse to discriminate in a wide range of contexts. RHTP agrees that swift action is needed by Congress and appreciates that the ‘Protect Women’s Health from Corporate Interference Act’ would address the egregious effects of the *Hobby Lobby* ruling.

“However, we endorse this bill with the understanding that it only targets the actions of for-profit corporations and does not address whether the Religious Freedom Restoration Act governs the conduct of other religiously-affiliated entities. Denying a woman coverage for birth control or any other reproductive health need, just as firing her for failing to conform to gender stereotypes, is discrimination plain and simple, whether it’s done by a for-profit arts and crafts store or by a non-profit nursing home. RHTP would like to see our laws protect all people, regardless of where they work, and we look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to ensure that women have affordable coverage for all of their health care needs.”

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Jessica Arons, President & CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, and Elizabeth Dawes Gay, Senior Associate, are available for interview upon request.