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Purpose: To protect the freedom of conscience for patients and the right of health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

Viz:

1 On page 31, strike lines 3 through 7 and insert the following: “
2 3) maintain long-term fiscal sustainability and
4 pays for itself by reducing health care cost growth, 
5 improving productivity, or dedicating additional
6 sources of revenue; or
7 (9)(A) subject to subparagraph (B), protect the
8 freedom of conscience for patients and the right of
health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions, which includes, but is not limited to, prohibiting—

(i) discrimination on the basis of a provider's objection to perform or participate in specific surgical or medical procedures or prescribe certain pharmaceuticals;

(ii) legal coercion against a provider who expresses a conscience objection to perform or participate in specific surgical or medical procedures or prescribe certain pharmaceuticals; and

(iii) government coercion of patients to enroll in specific health insurance plans or see pre-selected health care providers; and

(B) require the principles described in subparagraph (A) shall not be construed to authorize or shield from liability the denial, on the basis of a patient's race or present or predicted disability, of a surgical or medical procedure or pharmaceutical that a provider offers to others;"