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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

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

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- 1 On page 31, strike lines 3 through 7 and insert the
- 2 following: “cans;
- 3 (8) 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

1 health care providers to serve patients without vio-
2 lating their moral and religious convictions, which
3 includes, but is not limited to, prohibiting—

4 (i) discrimination on the basis of a pro-
5 vider's objection to perform or participate in
6 specific surgical or medical procedures or pre-
7 scribe certain pharmaceuticals;

8 (ii) legal coercion against a provider who
9 expresses a conscience objection to perform or
10 participate in specific surgical or medical proce-
11 dures or prescribe certain pharmaceuticals; and

12 (iii) government coercion of patients to en-
13 roll in specific health insurance plans or see
14 pre-selected health care providers; and

15 (B) require the principles described in subpara-
16 graph (A) shall not be construed to authorize or
17 shield from liability the denial, on the basis of a pa-
18 tient's race or present or predicted disability, of a
19 surgical or medical procedure or pharmaceutical that
20 a provider offers to others;”.