

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

SMA, LLC, MICHAEL BREY and
STANLEY BREY,

Plaintiffs,

vs

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, in her official
capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of Health and Human Services
and her successor; and the UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES;

SETH D. HARRIS, in his official capacity as
Acting Secretary of the United States
Department of Labor and his successor; and
the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR;

JACOB LEW, in his official capacity as U.S.
Secretary of the Treasury and his successor;
and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF THE TREASURY, and

DANIEL I. WERFEL, in this official capacity
as Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue
and his successor; and the INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE,

Defendants.

Civil File No. 13-CV-1375

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief

Plaintiffs Michael Brey and Stanley Brey (“the Breys”) and their company SMA, LLC (“Company”), through their counsel, complain against the above-named Defendants (collectively “HHS”) as follows:

Introduction

1. In this action, the Breys and their privately-held Company challenge certain regulations adopted under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Affordable Care Act”), Pub. L. No. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119. The generally-applicable regulations force certain religious persons who own and/or operate for-profit companies to include in their group health plans coverage for products and services that violate their religious beliefs under threat of substantial monetary fines and penalties.

2. Specifically, the Breys and their Company seek declaratory and injunctive relief from the operation of the final rules promulgated by the HHS, mandating that all group health plans, inclusive of self-insured plans, include coverage, without cost sharing, for “[a]ll Food and Drug Administration [(FDA)] approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity” in plan years beginning on or after August 1, 2012 (“the HHS Mandate”), *see* 45 CFR § 147.130 (a)(1)(iv), as confirmed at 77 Fed. Reg. 8725 (Feb. 15, 2012), adopting and quoting Health

Resources and Services Administration Guidelines found at <http://www.HealthResourcesServices.gov/womensguidelines>.

3. The Breys are brothers who each own 50% of the Company. They are both Roman Catholic. They both hold sincere religious beliefs based on the Roman Catholic Catechism which states “abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a ‘criminal’ practice” and which states “direct sterilization” and “contraception” are morally unacceptable. The Catechism also instructs that a person who deviates from its teachings is involved in a “public scandal.” As a Catholic laymen, the Breys must avoid public scandal.

4. The HHS Mandate to the Breys is sinful and immoral. Yet, the Mandate is coercing them and their Company to violate their religious beliefs and expose them or their Company or both to governmental imposition of substantial fines and penalties. As the deadline for the renewal of the Company’s group health plan arrives on December 1, 2013, the Breys, knowing that they have a religious obligation to provide for their employees through health care plans, must now confront the federal coercion imposed upon them and violate the HHS Mandate.

5. As it presently stands, the HHS Mandate violates the Breys’ constitutionally protected rights of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, due process and equal protection. The Mandate further violates the Religious Freedom

Restoration Act and the Administrative Procedures Act. Injunctive relief will, in the first instance, allow the Breys and their Company to continue providing for their employees with group health insurance without an HHS Mandate, avoid public scandal, and free them and the Company from governmental constitutional burdens that interfere with their religious beliefs. The injunction will permit the Breys and the Company to operate their current and future businesses in a manner consistent with and not in violation of their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

Likewise, if the Breys and the Company fail to provide health coverage to their employees, the Internal Revenue Service may impose significant penalties upon the employees. Similarly, without health insurance coverage, the government places the Breys and the Company in a difficult position by causing the Plaintiffs to harm their employees who have relied upon the Company's insurance benefits because the employees in turn may be exposed to possible significant IRS penalties as well.

6. The HHS actions violate the Breys' and the Company's right to freely exercise their religion, which are protected by the First Amendment and the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb *et seq.* ("RFRA").

7. The HHS actions of providing an exemption to religious non-profit employers, but not to for-profit business owners with the same religious objections,

violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to United States Constitution.

8. The HHS actions also violate the Breys' and the Company's rights to freedom of speech, which are protected by the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

9. Further, the HHS actions violated the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553, by adopting and imposing the HHS Mandate without prior notice or public comment.

10. The Breys and Company are currently being impermissibly coerced by the HHS Mandate and its substantial fines and penalties to violate their religious beliefs.

11. The Breys and Company will continue to be harmed unless this Court provides them their requested injunctive relief from the HHS's illegal and unconstitutional actions. This injunctive relief must include barring the IRS and all agencies from the imposition of fines and penalties against the Company, the Breys and their employees.

Jurisdiction and Venue

12. This action arises under the Constitution and laws of the United States. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1361 and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This Court has jurisdiction to render declaratory and injunctive relief under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 & 2202, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1, and 5 U.S.C. § 702. This Court has jurisdiction to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs under the Equal Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

13. Venue is appropriate in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e)(1) because the Plaintiffs reside within this district.

The Parties

14. Plaintiff Michael Brey is an individual and a citizen of the State of Minnesota. He is a 50% owner of the Company and is a manager of the Company. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Duluth in Minnesota. He and his family attend religious services at St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

15. Plaintiff Stanley Brey is an individual and a citizen of the State of Minnesota. He is a 50% owner of the Company and is a manager of the Company. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Cloud in Minnesota. He and his family attend religious services at Our Lady of the Lake parish in Big Lake, Minnesota.

16. Plaintiff SMA, LLC (“Company”) is a Minnesota corporation owned by the Breys. The address of the Company’s corporate headquarters is 113 Chelsea Road, Monticello MN 55362. The Company is privately held. The Company is an agricultural/industrial construction company with a strong reputation for high-quality work in the grain elevator construction, grain handling, and bulk storage industry.

17. Defendant United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) is an agency of the United States. HHS is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the HHS Mandate.

18. Defendant Kathleen Sebelius is the Secretary of Health and Human Services. As Secretary. She is responsible for the operation and management of the HHS. She is sued in her official capacity only.

19. Defendant United States Department of Labor is an agency of the United States government. The Department of Labor is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the HHS Mandate.

20. Defendant Seth D. Harris is the Acting Secretary of the United States Department of Labor. As Acting Secretary, he is responsible for the operation and management of the Department. He is sued in his official capacity only.

21. Defendant United States Department of the Treasury is an agency of the United States government. The Department of the Treasury is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Mandate.

22. Defendant Jacob Lew in his official capacity as U.S. Secretary of the Department of the Treasury is responsible for the operation and management of the United States Department of the Treasury. He is sued in his official capacity only.

23. Defendant Internal Revenue Service is an agency of the United States government. The IRS is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Affordable Care Act.

24. Defendant Daniel I. Werfel in his official capacity as Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The Internal Revenue Service is responsible for the operation, administration and enforcement of the ACA. He is sued in his official capacity only.

Factual Allegations

The Breys hold sincere religious beliefs which are contradictory to the HHS Mandate.

25. The Breys are Roman Catholic and hold sincere religious beliefs based on Catholic teaching.

26. The Breys, as owners and managers of the Company, are responsible for the Company's day-to-day operations. The Company reflects the Breys'

business and personal belief philosophies. In addition, their position and ownership in the Company are the source of support for their respective families.

27. As members of the Roman Catholic Church, the Breys adheres to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (“Catechism”) on abortion and contraception. *See, e.g., Code of Canon Law § 757.*

28. The Catechism § 2322 states abortion is a criminal practice under religious law:

2322 From its conception, the child has the right to life. Direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a "criminal" practice (*GS 27 § 3*), gravely contrary to the moral law. The Church imposes the canonical penalty of excommunication for this crime against human life.

29. The Catechism §§ 2367-2372, 2399 state that “direct sterilization and contraception” are “morally unacceptable” under Catholic religious law.

30. Thus, the Breys are required to adhere to the religious teaching that contraception and abortion are sinful and morally unacceptable under Catholic religious law and sincerely holds and exercises those beliefs.

31. The Breys are required to follow this religious teaching in their lives, even if it relates to their Company and does so through their Company.

32. In fact, the Catholic Church considers it a “public scandal”, according to its own meaning of the term, if the Breys were to materially deviate from the Catechism in their lives. Catechism §§ 2284-2287.

33. Catechism § 2285 states:

Scandal takes on a particular gravity by reason of the authority of those who cause it or the weakness of those who are scandalized. It prompted our Lord to utter this curse: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." Scandal is grave when given by those who by nature or office are obliged to teach and educate others. Jesus reproaches the scribes and Pharisees on this account: he likens them to wolves in sheep's clothing.

(Footnotes omitted).

34. Accordingly, the Breys, as Catholic laymen, are very careful to avoid public scandal.

35. Thus, with respect to the Company, the Breys operate their Company in ways that adhere to and are not violative of the Catechism. The Breys and their Company strive to avoid public scandal.

36. The Catechism also compels the Breys to provide for the physical health of their employees. They exercise their religious beliefs by offering group health plans for their employees consistent with the Catechism.

37. The HHS Mandate requires that the Company's group health plan provide and pay for coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs, and related education and counseling. Among the products the HHS Mandate requires Company's group plan to fund are Plan B (the "morning after pill") and

Ella (the “week after pill”),¹ drugs that are designed to destroy early human life shortly after conception.

38. The Breys believe that paying for a group health plan that complies with the HHS Mandate is sinful and immoral because it requires the Breys, through their Company, to pay for contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling violating the Catechism.

39. The Breys desire to continue offering a group health plan to Company employees, but wishes to exclude coverage for products and services that violate their religious beliefs, such as those required by the HHS Mandate.

40. HHS will not allow the Breys to exclude these Mandate coverages when the Company plans to renew its group health plan coverage.

41. In short, the HHS Mandate will not permit the Breys to operate their business in accordance with the Catechism.

42. In order for the Breys to avoid involvement in a public scandal, as defined by the Catechism and Code of Canon Law, the Breys and their Company would have to obtain a group health plan that does not comply with the HHS Mandate. Instead, the HHS is coercing the Breys and their Company to violate the

¹ FDA Office of Women’s Health, *Birth Control Guide*, available at www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ByAudience/ForWomen/FreePublications/UCM282014.pdf.

HHS Mandate exposing them and their Company to substantial fines and penalties.
26 U.S.C. § 4980D.

43. If the Breys and their Company must choose to exercise their religious beliefs by offering a group health plan that does not comply with the HHS Mandate, they subject themselves to substantial fines and penalties. 26 U.S.C. § 4980D.

44. The Company will not be compliant with the HHS Mandate, when it chooses to discontinue a legally-compliant group health plan subjecting it to substantial fines and penalties, unless it receives relief from this Court.

45. The Breys and their Company's decision to discontinue a legally-required health plan because of the HHS Mandate will not be done willingly, but under the coercive pressure of the HHS Mandate and the public scandal it would create for the Breys if they were to comply with the HHS Mandate.

46. The HHS has exempted certain non-profit employers from complying with the requirements of the HHS Mandate in an attempt to accommodate the religious beliefs of those employers, *see* 76 Fed. Reg. 46621, 46623 (issued on August 1, and published on August 3). However, despite the same sincere religious objections, the Company does not, and can not, meet the HHS's narrow qualifications for such an exemption.

The Company reflects the religious beliefs of its owners.

47. The Company currently employs approximately 35 full-time employees.

48. The Breys each own 50% of the Company and are employed by the Company.

49. The Breys, personally, and consistent with their membership in the Roman Catholic Church, strive to operate their Company in accordance with the religious, ethical, and moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

50. The Company currently has a group health plan.

51. According to HHS regulations, 77 Fed. Reg. at 8725, the Company's group health plan is subject to the HHS Mandate.

52. The Breys' religious beliefs prohibit the Company from intentionally providing a group health plan that provides coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortion and abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

53. The Breys are aware of the national controversy surrounding the HHS Mandate and the many lawsuits filed by Catholics and others around the country who own businesses and have the same religious objections to the HHS Mandate.

54. The HHS Mandate denies the Breys and Company of any choice to select a group health plan that does not cover and finance contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

55. As a result of the HHS Mandate, the Breys and the Company cannot offer a group health plan to its employees that accords with and does not violate the Breys' sincerely-held religious beliefs.

56. The Breys believe they have a moral and religious duty to provide a group health plan for the Company employees; however, they cannot do so without violating their religious beliefs because of the HHS Mandate.

57. If the Company provides a group health plan that does not comply with the HHS Mandate, the Company is subject to the imposition of substantial fines and penalties.

The ACA and the HHS Mandate

58. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA"), Pub. L. No. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119, enacted in March 2010, requires group health plans to provide women with "preventive care and screenings" at no charge to the patient. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 300gg-13(a)(4).

59. The ACA provides:

A group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall, at a minimum provide coverage for and shall not impose any cost sharing requirements for... (4) with respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings not described in paragraph (1) as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration for purposes of this paragraph.

Id.

60. In July, 2010, HHS issued regulations ordering HHS's Health Resources Services Administration ("Health Resources Services") to develop guidelines that would determine what preventative care and screenings would be mandated under the ACA. *See* 75 Fed. Reg. 41728 (July 19, 2010).

61. Health Resources Services commissioned and funded a committee at the Institute of Medicine to recommend which drugs, procedures, and services should be covered by all health plans as preventive care for women.

62. The Institute of Medicine's report² to Health Resources Services recommended that preventative care for women include "the full range of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for women with reproductive capacity."

63. On August 1, 2011, without notice of rulemaking or opportunity for public comment, the Health Resources Services adopted the Institute of Medicine's recommendations in full. *See* Health Resources and Services Administration, Women's Preventive Services: Required Health Plan Coverage Guidelines,

² INSTITUTE FOR MEDICINE, CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR WOMEN: CLOSING THE GAPS (2011), *available at* <http://cnsnews.com/sites/default/files/documents/PREVENTIVE%20SERVICESINSTITUTE%20OF%20MEDICINE%20REPORT.pdf>.

<http://www.HealthResourcesServices.gov/womensguidelines> (last visited Oct. 31, 2012) (“Health Resources Services Guidelines”).

64. Contemporaneously, HHS issued an “interim final rule” requiring “group health plan[s] and ... health insurance issuer[s] offering group or individual insurance coverage [to] provide benefits for and prohibit the imposition of cost-sharing with respect to” the women’s preventive care and services included in the Health Resources Services Guidelines for plan years beginning on or after August 1, 2012. 76 Fed. Reg. 46622, 46629 (issued on August 1, and published on August 3); 45 CFR 147.130(a)(1)(iv).

65. On February 15, 2012, HHS issued final regulations—the HHS Mandate—by adopting the August 1 interim final rule “without change.” 77 Fed. Reg. 8725-30 (Feb. 15, 2012).

66. Among the Federal Drug Administration approved “contraceptive methods” that all group health plans must provide at no cost are Plan B (the “morning after pill”) and Ella (the “week after pill”),³ drugs that are designed to destroy early human life shortly after conception.

67. Plan B and Ella can prevent the implantation of a human embryo in the wall of the uterus and can cause the death of an embryo. The use of artificial

³ FDA Office of Women’s Health, *Birth Control Guide*, available at www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ByAudience/ForWomen/FreePublications/UCM282014.pdf.

means to prevent the implantation of a human embryo in the wall of the uterus or to cause the death of an embryo each constitute an “abortion” as that term is used in federal law and Catholic teaching. Consequently, Plan B and Ella are abortifacients.

68. The ACA, under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H, requires employers with more than 50 full-time employees (or full-time employee equivalents) to provide federal government-approved health insurance coverage or pay substantial fines and penalties.

69. Employers with fewer than 50 full-time employees must comply with the HHS Mandate, under threat of substantial fines, if they offer a group health plan because the Mandate applies to *all* non-exempt, non-grandfathered group health plans regardless of the employer’s size. 42 U.S.C. § 300gg-13(a)(4) (Mandate applies to all group health plans); 26 U.S.C § 4980D (imposing fines on “failure of a group health plan to meet the requirements” of the ACA).

70. Moreover, the ACA and the HHS Mandate prevents *all* employers (and individuals) from selecting a group health plan that does not include coverage for contraceptives, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling because the ACA requires all “health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage” to provide Mandate-compliant coverage. 42 U.S.C. § 300gg-13(a)(4).

71. Therefore, the Breys and Company cannot avoid the HHS Mandate by purchasing a group health plan that accommodates their conscience and religious beliefs because no such plan exists.

72. The HHS Mandate does not apply to preexisting group health plans that are considered “grandfathered.” 76 Fed. Reg. 46623 & n.4; *see also* 42 U.S.C. § 18011(a)(3-4) (specifying those provisions of the ACA that apply to grandfathered health plans).

73. To remain “grandfathered,” a group health plan must now and in the future comply with regulations issued by the HHS. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 18011(a)(2); 45 CFR § 147.140; 75 Fed. Reg. 34538, 34545 (June 17, 2010); *see also* HealthReform.gov, “Fact Sheet: Keeping the Health Plan You Have: The Affordable Care Act and “Grandfathered” Health Plans,” http://www.healthreform.gov/newsroom/keeping_the_health_plan_you_have.html (last visited Oct. 31, 2010).

74. The ACA and the HHS Mandate do not apply equally to members of certain religious groups.

75. Individual “member[s] of a recognized religious sect or division thereof” who are “conscientiously opposed to acceptance of the benefits of any private or public insurance” are exempted from complying with certain provisions of the ACA. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5000A(d)(2)(a)(i), 1402(g)(1).

76. The HHS Mandate indicates that Health Resources Services “may” exempt certain “religious employers” from complying with the HHS Mandate. 45 C.F.R. § 147.130(a)(iv)(A); 76 Fed. Reg. at 46623.

77. The HHS has defined which employers are “religious” for purposes of this exemption. 45 C.F.R. § 147.130(a)(iv)(B).

78. Health Resources Services may grant exemptions for “religious employers” that “meet[] all of the following criteria: (1) The inculcation of religious values is the purpose of the organization. (2) The organization primarily employs persons who share the religious tenets of the organization. (3) The organization serves primarily persons who share the religious tenets of the organization. (4) The organization is a nonprofit organization as described in section 6033(a)(1) and section 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) or (iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.” 45 C.F.R. § 147.130(a)(iv)(B)(1)-(4).

79. The sections of the Internal Revenue Code referenced in the fourth criterion refer to “churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches” and “the exclusively religious activities of any religious order,” that are exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. § 501(a). 26 U.S.C. § 6033(a)(1), (a)(3)(A)(i), (a)(3)(A)(iii).

80. The HHS Mandate does not place limits on Health Resource Services discretion to establish an exemption for “religious employers,” or to grant such

exemptions to organizations meeting the Defendants' definition of "religious employer."

81. The HHS Mandate contains no exemptions for for-profit organizations, such as plaintiff Company, even when those organizations have a sincere religious objection to the HHS Mandate's requirement that their group health plans provide coverage, at no cost, for contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

82. The HHS stated that it based the exemption for "religious employers" on comments and feedback received on the July 19, 2010 interim final rule, *see* 76 Fed. Reg. at 46623, and the August 1, 2011 amendments to the interim final rule, *see* 77 Fed. Red. at 8726.

83. The HHS stated they received over 200,000 responses to the request for comments to the August 1, 2011 amendments to the interim final rule. 77 Fed. Reg. at 8726.

84. Through these comments, the HHS was made aware of numerous objections to the HHS Mandate, including, but not limited to, the following:

- "the religious employer exemption is too narrow";
- "the definition of religious employer [should] be broadened so that more sponsors of group health plans would qualify for the exemption";

- “the exemption for religious employers will not allow them to continue their current exclusion of contraceptive services from coverage under their group health plans”;
- that for certain employers to “pay for [contraceptive] services...would be contrary to their religious beliefs”; and
- “if the definition of religious employer is not broadened, [employers] could cease to offer health coverage to their employees in order to avoid having to offer coverage to which they object on religious grounds.”

77 Fed. Reg. at 8726-27.

85. Despite these, and other, known religious objections, the HHS did not expand the narrow exemption for organizations defined as “religious employers,” but finalized the interim final rule “without change.” 77 Fed. Reg. at 8730.

86. With full knowledge of the aforementioned objections, the HHS issued the HHS Mandate, which substantially burdens the religious exercise of the Breys, Company and millions of other Americans.

87. Because the HHS Mandate arbitrarily exempts certain plans and employers for a variety of secular reasons, but does not exempt similar plans and employers for religious reasons, the HHS Mandate impermissibly targets religious conduct.

88. The HHS Mandate was adopted without giving due weight to the tens of thousands of public comments submitted to HHS in opposition to the HHS Mandate.

89. The HHS Mandate forces the Breys and the Company and others to adopt and endorse the HHS moral view of contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

90. On February 10, 2012, HHS issued a document entitled “Guidance on the Temporary Enforcement Safe Harbor for Certain Employers, Group Health Plans and Group Health Insurance Issuers with Respect to the Requirement to Cover Contraceptive Services Without Cost Sharing Under Section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act, Section 715(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and Section 9815(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code” (“Guidance”),⁴ which established a “temporary enforcement safe harbor.”

91. Under the “Guidance,” until “the first plan year that begins on or after August 1, 2013...[n]either employers, nor group health plans, nor group health insurance issuers will be subject to any enforcement action by the Departments for failing to cover recommended contraceptive services without cost sharing in non-exempted, non-grandfathered group health plans established or maintained by an organization...that meets *all* of the following criteria:

⁴ HHS, Guidance on the Temporary Enforcement Safe Harbor, <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02102012/20120210-Preventive-Services-Bulletin.pdf> (last visited Oct. 31, 2012).

1. The organization is organized and operates as a non-profit entity.
2. From February 10, 2012 onward, contraceptive coverage has not been provided at any point by the group health plan established or maintained by the organization, consistent with any applicable State law, because of the religious beliefs of the organization.
3. ...the group health plan established or maintained by the organization (or another entity on behalf of the plan, such as a health insurance issuer or third-party administrator) must provide to participants the attached notice, as described below, which states that contraceptive coverage will not be provided under the plan for the first plan year beginning on or after August 1, 2012.
4. The organization self-certifies that it satisfies criteria 1-3 above, and documents its self-certification in accordance with the procedures detailed herein.”

HHS, Guidance on the Temporary Enforcement Safe Harbor,

<http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02102012/20120210-Preventive-Services-Bulletin.pdf> (last visited Oct. 31, 2012).⁵

92. On March 21, 2012, the HHS issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking” (“Advanced Notice”) stating their intentions to propose certain amendments to the Mandate. 77 Fed. Reg. 16501 (March 21, 2012).

⁵ On August 15, 2012, Defendants issued a revised Guidance, clarifying certain criteria with respect to the Temporary Enforcement Safe Harbor. HHS, Revised Guidance on the Temporary Enforcement Safe Harbor at 1 n.1, <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/prev-services-guidance-08152012.pdf> (last visited Oct. 16, 2012).

93. In the Advanced Notice, the HHS stated an intention to “accommodate” some religious non-profit employers not defined as “religious employers” by HHS by requiring compliance with the mandate by means of requiring those employers’ insurers to offer the employer’s employees the coverage required by the HHS Mandate at no cost. *See* 77 Fed. Reg. at 16503.

94. The Advanced Notice is neither a rule, a proposed rule, nor the specification of what a rule proposed in the future would actually contain. It in no way changes or alters the final status of the HHS Mandate. It does not even create a legal requirement that HHS change the HHS Mandate at some time in the future.

95. The ACA creates a system of individualized exemptions.

96. The ACA grants HHS the authority to grant compliance waivers, which exempt certain entities from complying with certain provisions of the ACA, including the requirement that employers provide health care coverage.

97. Employers who are exempt from providing health care coverage are exempt from complying with the HHS Mandate.

98. Upon information and belief, HHS has granted over 1,000 compliance waivers.

99. HHS has granted compliance waivers to for-profit businesses, unions, and other organizations for purely secular reasons, but has not exempted Company despite the Breys’ sincere religious objections.

100. The ACA is not generally applicable because it provides numerous exemptions from its rules and applicability.

101. The ACA is not neutral because some organizations and individuals, both secular and religious, are exempt from complying with certain provisions it, including the HHS Mandate.

102. The ACA is not neutral because some organizations and individuals, both secular and religious, have been granted compliance waivers, exempting them from complying with certain provisions of it, including the HHS Mandate.

The Breys, their Company and the HHS Mandate

103. The HHS Mandate applied to the Company's first group health plan year after August 1, 2012.

104. The plan year for the Company's current group health plan is through December 1, 2013.

105. The HHS Mandate applies to any group health plan provided by the Company.

106. The Company does not qualify for any of the exemptions to the ACA.

107. The Company does not qualify for an individual exemption under 26 U.S.C. § 5000A(d)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) as the Company does not object to acceptance of public or private insurance funds in their totality -- a requirement for the exemption.

108. The Company's current group health plan also does not qualify as a "grandfathered" group health plan.

109. Even if this were not so, the Company could not qualify for grandfather status because the Company did not provide the required notification, *see* 45 CFR § 147.140(a)(2)(i)-(ii), to plan participants that its plan was considered grandfathered (because the plan was not considered grandfathered).

110. The Company does not qualify as exempt "religious employers" under 45 CFR § 147.130(a)(1)(iv)(A)-(B).

111. The Company is not "religious" enough under the HHS's definition of "religious employer" in several respects because, including but not limited, the Company has purposes other than the "inculcation of religious values," it does not primarily hire or serve Catholics, and because the Breys' current businesses are not churches, integrated auxiliaries of particular churches, convention, or association of churches, or the exclusively religious activities of a religious order.

112. Because the Company does not qualify for the "religious employer" exemption, it is not permitted to take advantage of the "temporary enforcement safe-harbor" as set forth by the Defendants at 77 Fed. Register 8725 and the contemporaneously-issued Guidance.

113. The HHS Mandate requires that the Company finance coverage for and facilitate access to contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related

education and counseling against the Plaintiffs' conscience and in violation of their religious beliefs, in a manner that is contrary to law.

114. The HHS Mandate constitutes government-imposed coercion on the Breys and Company to change or violate the Breys' sincerely held religious beliefs.

115. The HHS Mandate exposes the Company and the Breys to the imposition of substantial fines and penalties for refusing to change or violate their religious beliefs.

116. Pursuant to the HHS Mandate, all insurance issuers must provide coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortion and abortifacient drugs and related counseling services in all group health plans as of August 1, 2012.

117. HHS has deprived the Breys and the Company of any choice to select a group health plan that excludes coverage for these drugs, devices, and services.

118. The Breys and the Company are forced to select and pay for a group health plan that includes the HHS Mandate-compliant coverage in violation of their religious beliefs.

Protecting employees is also a sincere religious based belief and the offer of health insurance meets that obligation.

119. The HHS Mandate will prevent the Breys from exercising their religiously-held duty to provide for the health and welfare of their current and

future employees by providing them a group health plan without the objectionable HHS Mandate-compliant coverage.

120. The Breys have a sincere conscientious religious objection to funding coverage for and facilitating access to contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

121. The HHS Mandate directly punishes, with substantial fines and penalties, the Breys' exercise of their religious beliefs.

122. The HHS Mandate imposes substantial burdens on the Breys' exercise of their sincerely-held religious beliefs through the Company.

The Plaintiffs are exposed to substantial tax penalties and interest.

123. The Defendant IRS is the responsible governmental agency for the application and enforcement of fines or monetary tax penalties through IRS rules and regulations. Failure to abide by those rules and regulations will result in substantial penalties for both employers and employees.

124. Violations of the Affordable Care Act coverage mandates are subject to tax under Internal Revenue Code section 4980D and the employer must pay an excise tax of \$100 per day during the noncompliance period with respect to each individual to whom the violation relates. This tax must be self-reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 8928 under Chapter 43 of the Internal

Revenue Code no later than the deadline for the filing of the entity's federal income tax return. Payment of the excise tax is due upon the filing of Form 8928.

125. Interest is charged on taxes not paid by the due date even if an extension of time to file is granted regarding Form 8928. The interest rate is determined under Internal Revenue Code § 6621. There is a penalty for a late filing of the Form 8928 return, including extensions. The payment may include a penalty of up to 5% of the unpaid tax for each month or part of the month the unpaid tax return is late, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax. Failure to pay any excise tax with the filing of Form 8928 will also result in an additional penalty of ½ of 1% fo the unpaid tax for each month or part of a month the tax is not paid, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax.

126. The implementation of the self-reporting obligation of the excise tax began for health insurance plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. The Breys and the Company's group health insurance plan renewal period will begin on December 1, 2013. The Breys and the Company will have to file Form 8928, return of certain excise taxes under Chapter 43 of the Internal Revenue Code, when they fail to meet the requirements under section 4980D.

127. In addition, under section 4980H of the Affordable Care Act, large employers, who employ 50 or more full-time employees, including full-time

equivalents, may be subject to a penalty if they do not offer health coverage, or if they offer coverage, that is unaffordable or does not provide minimum value.

128. Under section 4980H(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, if an employer fails to offer health coverage to its full-time employees and their dependents, and at least one full-time employee obtains subsidized coverage in a state health insurance Exchange, the 4980H(a) annual tax penalty is \$2,000 times the total number of full-time employees employed by the employer. For purposes of calculating the 4980H(a) penalty, the number of full-time employees is reduced by 30.

129. The State of Minnesota will have an American Health Benefit Exchange as one avenue individuals may purchase insured coverage. (*See*, ACA § 1311(b)). Individual health insurance coverage is also available outside of the Exchange depending upon the individual's determination of what is the best value for him or her.

130. The Breys and the Company employ Minnesota residents. At least one employee, upon information and belief, will seek insurance through the Minnesota Exchange.

131. Under the present proposed rules and regulations, because the Breys and the Company employ over 50 full-time employees, it is considered a large employer under 26 U.S.C. § 4890 subjecting them to substantial tax penalties if

they fail to meet certain requirements for health insurance coverage to their employees.

132. Likewise, individuals, such as the Breys and the Company's employees, who fail to obtain compliant health insurance will be subject to substantial IRS tax penalties collectable through the withholding of federal tax refunds.

133. The Breys and the Company, based on their religious beliefs, consider the employee benefit of health insurance as a moral obligation to offer to their employees to protect their employees' well-being and that of their family members.

134. The Breys and the Company's employees have and continue to rely upon offered health insurance to protect themselves and family members.

135. The Affordable Care Act is coercing the Breys and the Company to forego their religious beliefs and refuse to offer health insurance to its employees. As a consequence, the Breys and the Company will face substantial tax penalties as imposed through the Defendant IRS.

136. The Breys and the Company bring this action to enjoin HHS's violations of the Breys' and the Company's statutory and constitutional rights and to permit the Breys and the Company to operate their current and future businesses

in a manner consistent with and not in violation of their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

137. The Breys and Company have no adequate remedy at law.

Claims for Relief

COUNT I

**Violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act
42 U.S.C. § 2000bb**

138. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

139. The Breys' sincerely-held religious beliefs prohibit them, through the Company, from purchasing or providing coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling in Company's group health plan.

140. The Breys, as members of the Catholic Church, adhere to Catholic teachings with regard to contraception, sterilization, abortion, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling. They exercise religion within the meaning of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb ("RFRA").

141. The HHS Mandate coerces the Breys to change or violate their sincerely-held religious beliefs by requiring the Company to provide group health plans compliant with the HHS Mandate or be charged with substantial fines and penalties.

142. According to Roman Catholic religious law, it would be public scandal for the Breys to knowingly continue owning a business that provides health care coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortion, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

143. The HHS Mandate coerces the Breys through the Company to violate their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

144. The HHS Mandate forces the Breys to choose between violating their religious exercise by complying with the HHS Mandate or paying substantial fines and penalties for not complying with the HHS Mandate.

145. The HHS Mandate imposes a substantial burden on the Breys and the Company on their exercise of religion.

146. The HHS Mandate furthers no compelling government interest.

147. The HHS Mandate is not narrowly tailored to any compelling government interest.

148. The HHS Mandate is not the least restrictive means of furthering Defendants' alleged interests.

149. The HHS Mandate, as implemented, is facially invalid under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

150. The HHS Mandate, as implemented, is invalid as applied under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

151. Because of the direct harm the HHS Mandate imposes upon the Breys and the Company in violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, immediate injunctive relief is necessary to prevent governmental intrusion and punishment of the Plaintiffs for exercising their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

COUNT II
Violation of the Free Exercise Clause of
the First Amendment to the United States Constitution

152. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

153. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the free exercise of religion.

154. The Breys' sincerely-held religious beliefs prohibit them from purchasing or providing coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling in the Company's employee group health plan.

155. When the Breys adhere to Catholic teaching with regard to contraception, sterilization, abortion, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling, they are exercising religion within the meaning of the Free Exercise of the First Amendment.

156. The HHS Mandate is not neutral and is not generally applicable.

157. HHS has created categorical and individualized exemptions to the HHS Mandate.

158. The HHS Mandate coerces the Breys and the Company to change or violate sincerely-held religious beliefs.

159. The HHS Mandate coerces the Breys to change or violate their sincerely-held religious beliefs by requiring the Company to purchase group health plans compliant with the HHS Mandate or be charged with substantial fines and penalties.

160. The HHS Mandate prevents the Breys' religious exercise.

161. According to Roman Catholic religious law, it would be public scandal for the Breys to knowingly continue owning a business that provides health care coverage for contraception, sterilization, abortion, abortifacient drugs and related education and counseling.

162. The HHS Mandate imposes a substantial burden on the Breys' exercise of their religion.

163. The HHS Mandate is designed to apply to some religious American citizens but not to others, which results in discrimination among religions.

164. The HHS Mandate permits Health Resources Services unlimited discretion to decide to exempt some, all, or no organizations meeting the HHS's definition of "religious employers."

165. HHS has created exemptions to the HHS Mandate for some religious believers but not others based on characteristics of their beliefs, the types of organizations, and the manner in which they exercise those beliefs.

166. Despite having prior detailed knowledge of the kind of religious objections contained in this complaint, HHS designed the HHS Mandate and the religious exemption to the HHS Mandate in a way that made it impossible for the Breys, through their Company and others similarly situated, to comply with their religious beliefs.

167. HHS promulgated both the HHS Mandate and the religious exemptions thereto with the purpose and intent to suppress the religious exercise of owners of for-profit companies like the Plaintiffs.

168. The HHS Mandate furthers no compelling governmental interest.

169. The HHS Mandate is not the least restrictive means of furthering HHS alleged interests.

170. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause as described above, the HHS Mandate is facially invalid.

171. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause as described above, the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied.

172. The HHS Mandate violates the Breys' rights secured to them by the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Because of the direct harm the HHS Mandate imposes upon the Breys and the Company in violation of their constitutional right to freedom of religion, immediate injunctive relief is necessary to prevent governmental intrusion and punishment of the Plaintiffs for exercising their sincerely-held religious beliefs as protected under the First Amendment.

COUNT III
Violation of the Establishment Clause of
the United States Constitution

173. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

174. The First Amendment's Establishment Clause prohibits the establishment of any religion as well as excessive government entanglement with religion.

175. The Establishment Clause requires government neutrality in matters of religion and in matters of religious organization.

176. The HHS Mandate discriminates among religious organizations, favoring some over others, and exhibits hostility to religious beliefs.

177. The HHS Mandate establishes which individuals and entities are sufficiently religious to warrant exemption from the requirements of the ACA and the HHS Mandate.

178. Owners of for-profit companies, no matter how religious, are not included in the exemption from the requirements of the ACA and the HHS Mandate.

179. The exemptions from the HHS Mandate do exclude Bishops and their church organizations, but do not exclude lay people who own for-profit businesses and have the same religious objections to the HHS Mandate as the Bishops and their church organizations.

180. Thus, the exemption from the HHS Mandate unconstitutionally discriminates in favor of the Bishop (the Shepherd) and against the lay people (the Flock).

181. Additionally, the HHS Mandate adopts a particular theological view of what is acceptable moral complicity in provision of abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilization coverage and imposes it upon all religionists who must either conform their consciences or suffer fines and penalties.

182. The government's use of the political tactic of dividing the Shepherd from the Flock is a violation of the Establishment Clause's neutrality requirement. In using this political tactic, the government is unconstitutionally favoring religious objectors who are Bishops or those who are organized as church organizations over religious objectors who are individuals who own for-profit businesses.

183. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's Establishment Clause as described above, the HHS Mandate is facially invalid.

184. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's Establishment Clause as described above, the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied.

185. The HHS Mandate violates the Breys' and the Company's rights secured to them by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Because of the direct harm the HHS Mandate imposes upon Mr. Brey and the Company in violation of their constitutional rights of due process, equal protection and neutrality, immediate injunctive relief is necessary to prevent governmental intrusion of the Plaintiffs protected constitutional rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

COUNT IV
Violation of the Fifth Amendment
of the United States Constitution

186. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

187. The **Fifth Amendment** of the United States Constitution has an explicit requirement that the federal government not deprive individuals of "life, liberty, or property" without due process of the law and an implicit guarantee that each person receive equal protection of the laws.

188. The Fifth Amendment requires government neutrality in matters of religion and in matters of religious organization.

189. The HHS Mandate discriminates among religious organizations, favoring some over others, and exhibits hostility to religious beliefs.

190. The HHS Mandate establishes which individuals and entities are sufficiently religious to warrant exemption from the requirements of the ACA and the HHS Mandate.

191. Owners of for-profit companies, no matter how religious, are not included in the exemption from the requirements of the ACA and the HHS Mandate.

192. The exemptions from the HHS Mandate do exclude Bishops and their church organizations, but do not exclude lay people who own for-profit businesses and have the same religious objections to the HHS Mandate.

193. Thus, the exemption from the HHS Mandate unconstitutionally discriminates in favor of the Bishop (the Shepherd) and against the lay people (the Flock).

194. The government's use of the political tactic of dividing the Shepherd from the Flock is a violation of the Fifth Amendment's due process, equal protection and neutrality requirements. The HHS Mandate's exemption does not treat each similarly-situated religious objector equally under the law. In using this

political tactic, the government is unconstitutionally favoring religious objectors who are Bishops or organized as church organizations over religious objectors who are individuals who own for-profit businesses.

195. As a result of the HHS violations under the Fifth Amendment as described above, the HHS Mandate is facially invalid.

196. As a result of the HHS violations under the Fifth Amendment as described above, the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied.

197. The HHS Mandate violates the Breys' rights secured to them by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Because of the direct harm the HHS Mandate imposes upon the Breys' and the Company in violation of their constitutional right of due process and equal protection, immediate injunctive relief is necessary to prevent governmental intrusion of the Plaintiffs protected constitutional rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

COUNT V
Violation of the Free Speech Clause of
the First Amendment to the United States Constitution

198. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

199. A business's conduct and speech relating to the provision of employee health insurance is "speech" protected by the Free Speech Clause.

200. The HHS Mandate's requirement that all group health plans provide coverage for education and counsel related to contraceptives, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs forces the Breys, through the Company, to subsidize speech and expressive conduct that is directly contrary to the Breys' religious beliefs.

201. The HHS Mandate furthers no compelling governmental interest.

202. The HHS Mandate is not narrowly tailored to any compelling governmental interest.

203. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's protection of free speech as described above, the HHS Mandate is facially invalid.

204. As a result of the HHS violations under the First Amendment's protection of free speech as described above, the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied.

205. The HHS Mandate violates Plaintiffs' rights secured to them by the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Because of the direct harm the HHS Mandate imposes upon the Breys and the Company in violation of their constitutional right of free speech, immediate injunctive relief is necessary to prevent governmental intrusion of the Plaintiffs protected constitutional rights under the First Amendment.

COUNT VI
Violation of the Administrative Procedures Act

206. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

207. Because HHS did not give proper notice and an opportunity for public comment when they promulgated the “preventive care” guidelines, HHS did not take into account the full implications of the regulations by completing a meaningful consideration of the relevant matter presented.

208. HHS did not consider or respond to the voluminous comments they received in opposition to the August 1, 2102 interim final rule.

209. Therefore, HHS have taken agency action not in accordance with procedures required by law, and the Breys and the Company are entitled to relief pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(D).

210. In promulgating the HHS Mandate, HHS failed to consider the constitutional and statutory implications of the HHS Mandate on the Breys and the Company and similar persons.

211. HHS’s decision to not exempt the Company and similar organizations is contrary to the evidence submitted during the comment period.

212. HHS’s issuance of the HHS Mandate was thus arbitrary and capricious within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A) because HHS failed to

consider the full extent of the HHS Mandate's implications and they did not take into consideration the evidence against it.

213. The HHS Mandate is also contrary to existing law and is thus in violation of the APA under 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(A).

214. As a result of the HHS violations under the APA as described above, the HHS Mandate is facially invalid.

215. As a result of the HHS violations under the APA as described above, the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied.

216. As a result of HHS violating the APA, the Plaintiffs have been directly harmed with the government's intrusive efforts to violate protections afforded to the Breys and the Company under the federal Constitution and under RFRA.

Jury Trial Demanded

217. Plaintiffs demand on any issue triable of right by a jury, a jury trial as protected under the United States Constitution, amend. VII, and as provided under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, the above-named Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief:

1. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate, that requires employee health insurance coverage for, “[a]ll Food and Drug Administration [(FDA)] approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity” in plan years beginning on or after August 1, 2012 (“the HHS Mandate”), *see* 45 CFR § 147.130 (a)(1)(iv), and its application to the Company and the Breys violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA);
2. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate and its application to the Company and the Breys violate the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
3. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate and its application to the Company and the Breys violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
4. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate and its application to the Company and the Breys violate the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
5. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate and its application to the Company and the Breys violate the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution;

6. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate and its application to the Company and the Breys violate the Administrative Procedures Act;
7. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate is facially invalid because it violates the United States Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Administrative Procedures Act;
8. Enter a declaratory judgment that the HHS Mandate is invalid as applied because it violates the United States Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Administrative Procedures Act;
9. Enter a preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting the Defendants Kathleen Sebelius as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Health and Human Services; Jacob Lew as U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Department of the Treasury; and Daniel I. Werfel as Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service from enforcing the HHS Mandate against the Company and the Breys;
10. Enter a preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting the Internal Revenue Service from the application and/or enforcement of IRS rules or regulations that would result in imposing tax penalties against the Company and the Breys, including but not limited to, the requiring filing of Form 8980 regarding the return of certain excise taxes under Chapter 43 of the Internal

Revenue Code (or similar form) *and* the payment of any excise tax or interest penalty;

11. Enter a preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting the Internal Revenue Service from the application and/or enforcement of IRS rules or regulations that would result in any other type of tax penalty, including interest, against the Company's and the Breys;
12. Enter a preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting the Internal Revenue Service from the application and/or enforcement of IRS rules or regulations that would result in imposing penalties against any of the Company's and the Breys' employees;
13. Enter a declaratory judgment that an insurance issuer or administrator that offers a group health plan to Company excluding the coverage required by the HHS Mandate does not violate the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or the HHS Mandate;
14. Award the Company and the Breys costs and reasonable attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988; and
15. Award such other relief as the court deems just.

Dated: June 5, 2013.

s/Erick G. Kaardal

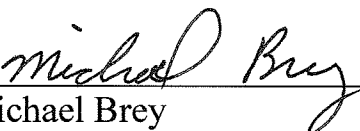
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**VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on May 30, 2013



Michael Brey

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on May 30, 2013

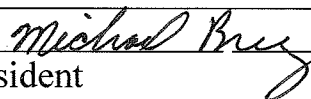


Stanley Brey

I declare on behalf of SMA penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on May 30, 2013

SMA, LLC

By: 

Its President

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

DEFENDANTS

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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