

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3962**  
**OFFERED BY MR. FORTENBERRY OF NEBRASKA**  
**(Amendment is to H.R. 3962)**

Insert after section 259, the following (and conform the table of contents of division A accordingly):

1 **SEC. 259A. PROTECTION OF FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal Government, and  
3 any State or local government or health care entity that  
4 receives Federal health assistance shall not subject a  
5 health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the  
6 entity does not perform, participate in, or cover specific  
7 surgical or medical procedures or services or prescribe spe-  
8 cific pharmaceuticals in violation of the moral or ethical  
9 or religious beliefs of such entity.

10 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section and section 259B:

11 (1) The term “health care entity” includes an  
12 individual physician or other health care profes-  
13 sional, hospital or other health care provider, pro-  
14 vider-sponsored organization, health maintenance or-  
15 ganization, plan sponsor, health insurance issuer,  
16 QHBP offering entity, or any other kind of health  
17 care facility, organization, or health plan sponsor.



- 1 objection of conscience articulated as a matter of cor-
- 2 porate or organizational policy.

