



FACT SHEET

Tyndale House Publishers v. Sebelius

ABOUT Tyndale House Publishers v. Sebelius

The Obama administration's abortion pill mandate forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties. Tyndale House Publishers—the world's largest independent Christian publisher of books, Bibles, and digital media—specifically objects to covering abortifacients but is subject to the mandate because the administration's rules say for-profit corporations are categorically non-religious. Tyndale House is strictly a publisher of Bibles and other Christian materials and is owned by the non-profit Tyndale House Foundation, which provides grants to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world. The publisher directs 96.5 percent of its profits to these causes. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing Tyndale House filed suit against the Obama administration on Oct. 2, 2012.

CURRENT STATUS OF Tyndale House Publishers v. Sebelius AS OF 11/8/2012

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on Nov. 9 to determine whether to issue a preliminary injunction that would halt enforcement of the abortion pill mandate against Tyndale House while its lawsuit moves forward it court. Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Legal Counsel Matt Bowman will argue before the court in favor of the injunction.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

- The freedom of Christian business owners to provide employee health insurance plans that offer coverage consistent with, and not in violation of, their core convictions.
- Freedom from coercive state mandates that would force Christian business owners to provide or subsidize morally objectionable drugs and treatments.
- Whether the federal government will be permitted to maintain one of the narrowest definitions of what constitutes a religious organization in American history.

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ABOUT Matt Bowman

Matt Bowman serves as senior legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom at its Washington, D.C., Regional Service Center, where he is a key member of the Life Litigation Team. Before joining Alliance Defending Freedom in 2006, Bowman clerked for several federal judges, including The Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit. He is admitted to the bar in Michigan, the U.S. Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, and numerous other federal courts. Practicing law since 2003, Bowman earned his J.D. from Ave Maria School of Law.