

STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Stop Obama's HHS Mandate • Nationwide Rally • Friday, June 8

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Obama Attempts to Diffuse National Religious Freedom Rally in Nearly 160 cities with 75,000 participants expected

Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies Tomorrow, June 8

(Chicago) June 7, 2012—This morning, the Obama White House is holding an “Online Women’s Health Townhall” meeting, one day before the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies take place in over 150 cities throughout the country.

“Is this some kind of desperate response to the huge rallies that we’ve organized, with tens of thousands of people speaking out against the HHS Mandate?” asks Stand Up Rally national co-director Eric Scheidler. “The timing of President Obama’s forum seems deliberate, perhaps his way of trying to spin this controversial issue in advance of tomorrow’s rallies.”

Tomorrow, June 8, at noon local time across the country, tens of thousands of Americans in 160 cities coast to coast will take to the streets in public protest against the controversial HHS Mandate during the second nationwide [Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally](#).

One of the scheduled guests for the online forum is HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, one of the architects of the HHS Mandate, which forces employers to provide contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs in their health plans regardless of their religious or moral convictions.

“Secretary Sebelius’ participation in this White House Forum shows how deeply committed the Obama administration is to imposing the unconstitutional HHS Mandate on the American people,” added Scheidler. “And it underscores the need for the kind of massive, grassroots protest that is hitting the streets of 160 cities in tomorrow’s Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally.”

Scheidler also noted that those opposing the HHS Mandate have been dominating the comments on the White House forum’s Facebook page. “Many women are offended that the HHS Mandate treats pregnancy and childbirth as a disease requiring mandated preventive care, and they’re speaking out, both on Facebook and at tomorrow’s rallies.”

The Stand Up Rally will be held at federal buildings, Congressional offices and historic sites in such cities as Chicago, New York, Detroit, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Philadelphia. The full list of rally sites is available at [StandUpRally.com](#).

The date for the Stand Up Rally was chosen to highlight the HHS Mandate’s unconstitutional infringement of religious freedom, coming just weeks before the highly anticipated ruling on Obamacare from the U. S. Supreme Court, expected at the end of June.

The Stand Up for Religious Freedom Coalition held their first rally on March 23, with over 63,000 citizens of all faiths attending local rallies in 145 cities. 28 Catholic bishops, along with scores of Protestant and Jewish religious leaders, participated in the first rally.

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