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**Re: RIN 0991-AC16 — Health and Human Services Grants Regulation**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This comment is submitted by the Coalition for Jewish Values, representing over 1000 traditional Orthodox Rabbis in matters of public policy.

We strongly favor the proposed rulemaking. The previous rule, which came into effect in early 2017, impinged upon religious liberty in a way that could grievously harm the intended beneficiaries of services provided by faith-based organizations. Thus the new rule is a win for religious organizations and for recipients of their services.

Please see our letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar, enclosed, which requested the changes found in this proposal.

We urge final adoption of the proposed rulemaking into the regulation.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pesach Lerner".

Rabbi Pesach Lerner  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yaakov Menken".

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