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Conscience Rights and Safety of Pro-life and Christian Americans to be Protected

HHS Restores Conscience and Religious Freedom Division to Civil Rights Office

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has restored a Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its Office for Civil Rights (OCR) as established by the Trump administration in 2018, but discontinued by the Biden administration in 2023.

“This reorganization,” HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. said, “strengthens the Office for Civil Rights’ ability to defend religious liberty, enforce conscience protections, and combat unlawful discrimination.”

Per HHS: “The new structure will advance the protection of conscience rights, address race-based discrimination in a color-blind manner, eradicate antisemitism and anti-Christian bias, and restore biological truth.”

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Expressing gratitude to the current administration “for prioritizing the conscience rights and religious liberty of all Americans,” Mary Szoch, Director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council, expressed hope “that the work of this office will result in a greater respect for human dignity and religious freedom around the country.”