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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN CONDEMNS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ATTACKING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today condemned the federal executive order signed under the guise of religious freedom that jeopardizes women's access to crucial preventative healthcare services like contraception.

Madigan issued the following statement against the Executive Order that directs the federal government to issue regulations that would allow organizations to claim religious objections to providing employees with basic preventative medical care:

"The Executive Order signed today creates a license for employers and corporations to discriminate under the pretense of religious beliefs. It puts countless women at risk of being denied basic healthcare.

This is an attack on women's rights and an assault on progress and equality.

I will continue to vigorously defend women's rights and work to ensure women have access to preventative healthcare."

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