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24 25	Plaintiff,) Civil No. 3:16-cv-3539
25 26	v.) COMPLAINT
20 27	SYLVIA MATHEWS BURWELL,)
27 28	Secretary of Health and Human Services; MARK GREENBERG, Acting Assistant)
	Complaint	1

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1 2 3 4	Secretary for Administration for Children) and Families; ROBERT CAREY, Director of) Office of Refugee Resettlement, in their) official capacities,) Defendants.)	
5	Plaintiff American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California ("Plaintiff" or "ACLU of	
6	Northern California"), for its complaint in the above-captioned matter, alleges as follows:	
7	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT	
8	1. There are currently thousands of unaccompanied immigrant minors (also known	
9	as unaccompanied children, or "UC") in the legal custody of the federal government. These	
10	young people are extremely vulnerable: Many have come to the United States fleeing abuse and	
11	torture in their home countries; many have been sexually abused or assaulted either in their home	
12	countries, during their long journey to the United States, or after their arrival; some have also	
13	been trafficked for labor or prostitution in the United States or some other country; and many	
14	have been separated from their families.	
15	2. The federal government is legally required to provide these young people with	
16	basic necessities, such as housing, food, and access to emergency and routine medical care,	
17	including family planning services, post-sexual assault care, and abortion.	
18	3. To provide young people with these necessities, the government, through the	
19	Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR"), issues grants to private entities, including a number of	
20	religiously affiliated organizations.	
21	4. Yet, according to documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act,	
22	Defendants authorize a few of these religiously affiliated organizations—such as the United	
23	States Conference of Catholic Bishops ("USCCB") and its subgrantees across the country,	
24	including Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County in California—to refuse on religious grounds	
25	to provide information about, access to, or referrals for contraception and abortion, even if the	
26	young person in their care has been raped.	
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5. For example, Defendants approved grants to USCCB—nearly \$10 million in 2014
 alone—even though ORR was well aware that USCCB's agreement with its subgrantees
 explicitly prohibits them from providing, referring, encouraging, or in any way facilitating access
 to contraceptives and abortion services. Defendants also allow these organizations to reject
 young women seeking abortion from their programs, and to expel young women who ask for an
 abortion.

7 6. Defendants' decision to authorize this religiously motivated denial of services has 8 extraordinary consequences for the vulnerable unaccompanied immigrant minor population. For 9 example, one young woman—who was hospitalized for suicidal ideation after she became 10 pregnant as the result of rape by one of her "guides" to the United States—was kicked out of her 11 Catholic-affiliated shelter because she asked for an abortion. As a result, she was transferred to 12 another shelter, away from the social workers and other shelter support staff who constituted her 13 only support system in this country. Another young woman, who had also become pregnant as a 14 result of rape on her journey to the United States, was denied placement at a shelter near her 15 family in Florida because the two available shelters both had religious objections to caring for 16 teens who seek abortions.

7. ORR has authorized USCCB and other grantees to impose religiously based
restrictions on young women's access to reproductive health care—care that these young women
are entitled to receive by law. Defendants have therefore violated the Establishment Clause by
failing to remain neutral with respect to religion, by subsidizing grantees' religious beliefs to the
detriment of unaccompanied immigrant minors, and by underwriting religious restrictions on
vital government-funded services.

8. This is not the first time that Defendants have violated the Establishment Clause
 in this manner. In 2012, a federal district court held that Defendants violated the Establishment
 Clause when they authorized USCCB to prohibit its subcontractors from referring or providing
 access to abortion or contraception for trafficking victims in a federal program, despite clear law
 requiring such services. *ACLU of Massachusetts v. Sebelius*, 821 F. Supp. 2d 474 (D. Mass.

1	2012), vac'd, 705 F.3d 44 (1st Cir. 2013) (holding that the case was moot because Defendants'		
2	contract with USCCB had expired).		
3	9. Plaintiff's members include federal taxpayers, whose tax dollars finance the		
4	grants provided by Defendants to these religious organizations. Plaintiff seeks, among other		
5	relief, an injunction ordering Defendants to ensure that federal grants are implemented without		
6	the above-mentioned religious restrictions.		
7	JURISDICTION AND VENUE		
8	10. This action arises under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution		
9	and presents a federal question within this Court's jurisdiction under Article III of the		
10	Constitution and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.		
11	11. Plaintiff's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief are authorized by 28 U.S.C.		
12	§§ 2201 and 2202, by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 57 and 65, and by the inherent equitable		
13	powers of this Court.		
14	12. The Court has authority to award costs and attorneys' fees under 28 U.S.C. §		
15	2412.		
16	13. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e).		
17	INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT		
18	14. This action arises in the San Francisco Division because Plaintiff's headquarters		
19	are in San Francisco.		
20	PARTIES		
21	15. Plaintiff ACLU of Northern California is a nonprofit membership organization		
22	devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties embodied in the United States Constitution,		
23	including those religious liberties of belief and conscience safeguarded by the Establishment		
24	Clause of the First Amendment. The ACLU of Northern California is a state affiliate of the		
25	national American Civil Liberties Union and is domiciled in the State of California, with its		
26	principal place of business in San Francisco, California. Members of the ACLU of Northern		
27	California pay federal taxes into the general revenues from which Congress appropriates funds to		
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satisfy the government's obligations to provide care to unaccompanied immigrant minors under
 the Homeland Security Act ("HSA") and the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
 Protection Reauthorization Act ("TVPRA"). Plaintiff and its members object to, and are injured
 by, the use of federal tax dollars pursuant to the HSA and the TVPRA in a manner that is non neutral with respect to religion, subsidizes religious beliefs to which they do not subscribe, and
 underwrites religious restrictions on critical government-funded services.

7 16. Defendant Sylvia Mathews Burwell is the Secretary of the United States 8 Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and is responsible for the administration 9 and oversight of the Department. Defendant Burwell has authority over the Administration for 10 Children and Families ("ACF"), a subdivision of HHS. By permitting USCCB and other 11 organizations to impose their religiously based restrictions on the services unaccompanied 12 immigrant minors can receive with taxpayer funds, Defendant Burwell has violated the 13 Establishment Clause. Defendant Burwell and her successors are sued in their official capacities. 14 17. Defendant Mark Greenberg is the Acting Assistant Secretary for ACF. Defendant 15 Greenberg has authority over ORR, a subdivision of ACF. By permitting USCCB and other 16 organizations to impose their religiously based restrictions on the services unaccompanied 17 immigrant minors can receive with taxpayer funds, Defendant Greenberg has violated the 18 Establishment Clause. Defendant Greenberg and his successors are sued in their official 19 capacities.

20 18. Defendant Robert Carey is the Director of ORR. By permitting USCCB and other 21 organizations to impose their religiously based restrictions on the services unaccompanied 22 immigrant minors can receive with taxpayer funds, Defendant Carey has violated the 23 Establishment Clause. Defendant Carey and his successors are sued in their official capacities. 24 25 26 27 28 COMPLAINT 4

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FACTS GIVING RISE TO THIS ACTION

The Unaccompanied Children ("UC") Program

3 19. Unaccompanied immigrant minors come into federal custody in a variety of wavs.¹ Many of these young people are apprehended at or near the border by the United States 4 5 Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection Unit ("CBP"). After their 6 initial apprehension, these young people are held in "holding tanks" or cells maintained by CBP. 7 After several days, they are transferred to ORR. Other unaccompanied immigrant minors are 8 apprehended within the interior of the United States, including after contact with the juvenile 9 justice system, or during immigration enforcement activities inside the country. 10 20. ORR has responsibility for the "care and custody of all unaccompanied [] 11 children, including responsibility for their detention, where appropriate." 8 U.S.C. § 1232(b)(1). 12 By statute, any federal department or agency that determines that it has an unaccompanied 13 immigrant minor in its custody must transfer the minor to ORR within 72 hours of making that 14 determination. Id. § 1232(b)(3). The federal government reports that in Fiscal Year 2015, 33,726 15 unaccompanied immigrant minors were referred to ORR. 16 21. The federal government and all of its programs are required to ensure that the best 17 interests of the unaccompanied immigrant minor are protected. Section 462 of the Homeland 18 Security Act ("HSA") requires ORR to "ensur[e] that the interests of the child are considered in 19 decisions and actions relating to the care and custody of an unaccompanied child." 6 U.S.C. § 20 279(b)(1)(B). It also requires ORR to conduct "investigations and inspections of facilities and 21 other entities in which unaccompanied children reside, including regular follow-up visits ... to

- 22 assess the continued suitability of such placements." *Id.* § 279(b)(1)(L).
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 ¹ By statutory definition, unaccompanied immigrant minors are under 18 years old, have no legal immigration status, and either have no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States able to provide care and physical custody. 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2).

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22. 1 In addition, Section 235 of the TVPRA directs HHS to ensure that 2 unaccompanied immigrant minors are "promptly placed in the least restrictive setting that is in the best interest of the child." 8 U.S.C. § 1232(c)(2)(A).

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Most unaccompanied immigrant minors who are referred to ORR are eventually 4 23. 5 released from custody to parents or sponsors who live in the United States. Such minors are often 6 held in short-term facilities or shelters while they await release to their parents or sponsors. A 7 significant number of unaccompanied immigrant minors are not released to parents or sponsors, 8 and spend longer periods of time in custody. For some minors, ORR cannot identify an 9 individual who can serve as a viable sponsor. Young people who are expected to be in the 10 government's custody for an extended period or those who have special needs are sometimes 11 transferred to group homes or a foster family. For others, ORR may determine that the minor 12 should be placed in a more restrictive custodial setting. Young people who are flight risks, for 13 example, are held in jail-like facilities with limited, if any, freedom.

14 24. Unaccompanied immigrant minors in ORR's legal custody are cared for through a 15 network of ORR-funded facilities and shelters—including a number of religiously affiliated 16 entities, such as USCCB subgrantees; Catholic Charities Boystown; His House; and Youth for 17 Tomorrow.

18 25. USCCB does not provide services directly to unaccompanied immigrant minors, 19 but instead issues subgrants to Catholic Charities and other organizations around the country that 20 do so, including, according to documents obtained by the ACLU under the Freedom of 21 Information Act: Bethany Christian Services (Grand Rapids, Michigan), Catholic Charities Forth 22 Worth (Fort Worth, Texas), Catholic Charities Houston (Houston, Texas), Catholic Charities 23 Santa Clara County (San Jose, California), Catholic Community Services Tacoma (Tacoma, 24 Washington), Catholic Family Center (Rochester, New York), and Commonwealth Catholic 25 Charities (Richmond, Virginia). 26

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Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors Are Legally Entitled to Receive Access to Reproductive Health Care

26. Unaccompanied immigrant minors have an acute need for reproductive health 3 care, which is both time-sensitive and is needed over the course of their time in federal custody. 4 For example, a high number of these young women are victims of sexual assault. Some of these 5 women will need access to emergency contraception, and some will need access to abortion. Any 6 female aged 10 or older must undergo a pregnancy test within 48 hours of admission to an ORR-7 funded facility. This is the point at which many young women first learn they are pregnant. 8 Many unaccompanied minors need pregnancy prevention services and/or access to abortion 9 during their short or long periods in ORR custody. 10

27. The federal government is legally obligated to ensure that all programs that
provide care to these young people comply with the minimum requirements detailed in the *Flores v. Reno* Settlement Agreement, CV-85-4544-RJK (Jan. 17, 1997) ("*Flores* agreement").
The *Flores* agreement requires the government to provide or arrange for, among other things,
"appropriate routine medical . . . care," including specifically "family planning services[] and
emergency health care services."

28. Additionally, in response to its obligations under the Prison Rape Elimination Act 17 ("PREA") and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 ("VAWA 2013"), 18 ORR issued a regulation requiring all ORR-funded care provider facilities to, among other 19 things, provide unaccompanied immigrant minors who are victims of sexual assault with access 20 to reproductive healthcare. The regulation states, in relevant part, that grantees providing care to 21 unaccompanied immigrant minors who have experienced sexual abuse while in federal custody 22 must ensure "unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment, crisis intervention services, 23 emergency contraception, and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis." 45 C.F.R. § 24 411.92(a). The regulation further provides that grantees must ensure that a young person subject 25 to sexual abuse is offered a pregnancy test, and "[i]f pregnancy results from an instance of sexual 26 abuse, [the] care provider facility must ensure that the victim receives timely and comprehensive 27

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information about all lawful pregnancy-related medical services." *Id.* § 411.93(d). Grantees were
 required to comply with this regulation by June 24, 2015.

3 29. Upon information and belief, unaccompanied immigrant minors face significant 4 barriers to obtaining services not provided by the government and/or its grantees. For example, 5 even if a teen can leave the shelter, she still may not be able to obtain access to abortion or 6 contraceptives without assistance because she likely speaks little or no English; she may have no 7 support system, other than that provided by the federal program; she may have no means of 8 transportation to the doctor's office; and she may have little or no financial resources. If she is 9 not informed that contraceptives and abortions are available in the United States, she may not 10 even know that these options exist, given that many of these young people come from countries 11 where abortion is illegal.

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ORR Authorizes Grantees' Religious Restrictions on Young Women's Access to Abortion and Contraception

30. Defendants knowingly permit religiously affiliated grantees with religious 14 objections to abortion and contraception to impose restrictions on unaccompanied immigrant 15 minors' access to these forms of reproductive healthcare. In so doing, Defendants allow these 16 grantees to flout *Flores*, the PREA/VAWA regulation, and their obligations under the HSA, 17 including by: allowing objecting programs to refuse to provide young women in their care with 18 information about, referrals for, or access to contraception and abortion; transferring young 19 women who seek access to contraception or abortion out of objecting programs; and refusing to 20 place young women who are seeking access to emergency contraception or abortion in objecting 21 programs, even if that placement would otherwise be in the young woman's best interest. 22

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31. For example, Defendants altered the language used in its cooperative agreements with UC program grantees in response to USCCB's objection to providing access to reproductive health care.

26 32. In early 2011, ORR included specific family-planning language in its cooperative
 27 agreements. Among other things, these agreements stated: "Family planning services are already

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required by the Flores settlement agreement, and therefore this cooperative agreement The
grantees will refer female [unaccompanied immigrant minors] to medical care providers who can
provide a broad range of acceptable and effective medically approved family planning methods
and services. The grantees will refer female [unaccompanied immigrant minors] to medical care
providers who offer pregnant [unaccompanied immigrant minors] the opportunity to be provided
information and counseling regarding prenatal care and delivery; infant care, foster care, or
adoption; and pregnancy termination."

8 33. ORR removed this language based on USCCB's objection to the contraception
9 and abortion requirements.

10 34. In fact, USCCB has made quite clear that they refuse to provide access to these 11 reproductive healthcare services for the young people in their care. In response to ORR's 12 PREA/VAWA regulation requiring access to reproductive health care for unaccompanied 13 immigrant minors who are subject to sexual assault, USCCB issued a public letter stating that it cannot "help ensure access" to any medical care that is contrary to its religious beliefs. In other 14 15 words, USCCB said that it should be free "from any requirement to provide, facilitate the 16 provision of, provide information about, or refer or arrange for items or procedures to which they 17 have a religious or moral objection." This includes freedom from notifying the federal 18 government that a minor in their care is seeking an abortion, even in cases of rape in federal 19 custody, so that the federal government could step in and provide the minor with access to abortion.² 20

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² In the preamble to its regulation, ORR stated that organizations that refuse to provide or refer
 for certain services could serve as subgrantees or as members of a consortium of service
 providers, so that other organizations without religious objections could provide unaccompanied
 immigrant minors with the required services. Alternatively, ORR stated that a grantee may notify
 federal officials if a young person in its care requires services to which the grantee objects, and
 that ORR would then either provide the services itself or transfer the young person to a grantee
 willing to provide the required services. USCCB has even objected to this accommodation.

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1 35. Defendants also allow USCCB to prohibit its subgrantees from providing information about or access to contraception and abortion. USCCB's cooperative agreements 2 3 with individual Catholic Charities and other subgrantees, which are provided to ORR, explicitly 4 state that subgrantees "must ensure that services provided to those served under this Agreement 5 are not contrary to the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church, its moral convictions, and 6 religious beliefs. Accordingly, [USCCB] expects that the Sub-recipient will provide services 7 under this Agreement within certain parameters including, among other things, that the Sub-8 recipient will not provide, refer, encourage, or in any way facilitate access to contraceptives or 9 abortion services."

36. Defendants have likewise approved grant applications for religiously affiliated
grantees, including individual Catholic Charities, even though the grant applications explicitly
state that the grantees will not provide family planning information or services to the young
people in their care.

37. For example, in a 2014–2015 direct grant application, the Catholic Charities of
the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston stated: "Due to our religiously-affiliated institution's
philosophy and policies, family planning practices are not discussed with clients. Clients are
encouraged to practice abstinence." The grant application further provided that, "[i]n cases where
the pregnancy has been the result of a rape, the Clinician and Pregnancy Support Specialist work
to preserve confidentiality, helping clients process the trauma of the rape while also exploring
the decision of whether to keep the baby or plan an adoption."

38. Upon information and belief, Defendants approved the Archdiocese of GalvestonHouston's grant application, without comment or modification. The Archdiocese of GalvestonHouston received more than \$8 million in federal taxpayer funds for the care of unaccompanied
immigrant minors between November 1, 2013, and September 30, 2016, despite its explicit
refusal to provide the young people in its charge with legally required access to reproductive
healthcare.

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1	39. Finally, Defendants facilitate the ostracization of young women who have		
2	accessed or seek to access abortion. At grantees' request, Defendants have transferred several		
3	young women who requested access to abortion to other providers. Such transfers delay the		
4	young person's access to the requested healthcare, unfairly stigmatize her for choosing to		
5	terminate the pregnancy, and uproot her from the support network developed at her initial		
6	placement, including friends, social workers, mental and physical health professionals, teachers,		
7	and lawyers assisting with asylum or deportation proceedings.		
8	40. In other cases, Defendants have made decisions about where to initially place a		
9	young person based on whether she had an abortion or is seeking an abortion. In those situations,		
10	Defendants are allowing religiously affiliated programs to prevent them from making a		
11	placement in the young person's best interest. Thus, a young woman who has requested an		
12	abortion may be forced into a program that is already operating at capacity, far from any family		
13	members she has in the United States, and/or far from the reproductive health care clinic		
14	performing her procedure.		
15	41. The individual stories of these young women confirm the detrimental effects of		
16	religiously based restrictions on access to reproductive health care. ³		
17	Rosa		
18	42. Rosa, a 17-year-old, left her home country for the United States in 2014. She was		
19	raped during her journey by one of her "guides" in Mexico.		
20	43. Rosa learned that she was pregnant while in ORR custody at Catholic Charities in		
21	Miami, Florida. She was distraught by the possibility of being denied an abortion, and said that if		
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24	³ Pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Plaintiff has obtained a number of documents and emails describing the experiences young		
25	women who have requested access to abortion while in ORR custody. Working from those documents, Plaintiff has pieced together several individual narratives, which are described below. These narratives are based on information and belief. The names used here are pseudonyms.		
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she could not get an abortion, she would kill herself. As a result, she was hospitalized for suicidal
 ideation.

44. 3 When Rosa was going to be released from the hospital, the Catholic Charities 4 facility refused to allow her back into the program because she was seeking an abortion. Another 5 religiously affiliated ORR grantee, His House, also refused to accept her for the same reason. 6 45. Rosa was ultimately transferred to another facility, but even after she was 7 transferred, one of her clinicians at her new facility reported that Rosa was "anxious and 8 preoccupied with this abortion and when it will happen," and that the issue had become urgent 9 because she "might start to inflict trauma to the fetus or herself." 10 46. ORR ultimately approved the request for federal funding of Rosa's abortion, and 11 she was able to obtain the abortion. 12 Maria 13 47. Maria was 14 years old when she fled from her home country in 2014. She had 14 been living there with her aunt, while her parents were in the United States. She was physically 15 abused by her maternal grandmother, and had been threatened with physical discipline by her 16 parents when they lived with her. 17 48. After entering the United States, Maria was placed with an ORR shelter in Texas. 18 At a doctor's visit, Maria discovered she was pregnant—likely because of the rape she 19 experienced on her journey to the United States. 20 49. An email from an ORR official indicates that the agency had looked into the 21 possibility of transferring Maria to Florida, to be near her family, but was unable to do so 22 because "both of the shelters in Florida are faith-based and will not take the child to have this 23 procedure." Another ORR email cautions that Maria's post-release social worker should not 24 work for a "religion-based agency" because of the abortion. 25 Laura 26 50. Laura, a 17-year-old placed at a short term shelter in Texas, was 17-18 weeks 27 pregnant and seeking an abortion. Because Laura was swiftly approaching her 20th week of 28 COMPLAINT 12

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pregnancy, after which abortion is illegal in Texas, ORR was looking to transfer her to another 1 2 program. ORR sought to place her somewhere on the East Coast, so she could be near her 3 brothers and sisters. One ORR official raised the possibility of transferring her to Youth for 4 Tomorrow ("YFT"), a faith-based program in Virginia. Another official rejected this possibility, 5 stating: "YFT would be unable to take this youth. YFT is a religious organization and is pro-life. 6 I just had a UAC who requested that she wanted to terminate her pregnancy and I had to transfer 7 her due to YFT position on abortion." 8 Zoe 9 51. Zoe left her home country in January 2015, when she was roughly 16-years-old. 10 She was apprehended near the U.S. border, and she was placed in the YFT program in Virginia 11 in early 2015. 12 52. Zoe's initial physical examination revealed that she was pregnant. Zoe told her 13 doctor that she wanted to have an abortion. After expressing her desire to terminate the 14 pregnancy multiple times for nearly two weeks, she finally received counseling. After the counseling session, she reiterated her desire for an abortion. 15 16 53. Although Zoe was thriving at YFT, YFT asked ORR to transfer Zoe to another 17 program where she would be permitted to terminate her pregnancy. 18 **Congressional Knowledge of ORR's Grants to Religiously Affiliated Entities** 19 54. Congress is aware that ORR is providing HSA and TVPRA funds to religiously 20 affiliated entities. For example, on June 25, 2014, Bishop Mark Seitz testified before the House 21 Judiciary Committee regarding USCCB's participation in ORR's program for the care of

22 unaccompanied children. In his testimony, Bishop Seitz recommended on behalf of USCCB that

- 23 "Congress appropriate \$2.28 billion in Fiscal Year 2015 for care of unaccompanied children,
- 24 consistent with the Administration's request." Bishop Seitz also stated that "[a]ny funding should
- 25 be administered in a manner that respects the religious liberty and conscience rights of
- 26 organizations providing this care." *Hearing on Unaccompanied Children: H. Comm. on the*
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Judiciary, 113th Cong. 40 (2014) (statement of Rev. Mark Seitz, USCCB).⁴ Similarly, on 1 2 February 4, 2016, USCCB's Associate Director of Children's Services submitted testimony to 3 the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security explaining that USCCB 4 provides "short-term and long-term foster care to unaccompanied children in HHS/ORR 5 custody," including "medical and mental health screening and care," though "cooperative 6 agreements with HHS/ORR." Kristyn Peck, Associate Director of Children's Services (USCCB), 7 Testimony for the Record Before the H. Subcomm. on Immigration and Border Security of the H. Judiciary Comm., 114 Cong. 117 (Feb. 4, 2016).⁵ 8

9 A recent report by the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on 55. ORR's role in protecting unaccompanied immigrant minors states: "HHS's [UC] program 10 11 functions through grants and contracts with a number of private care providers and other third 12 parties who perform daily tasks associated with [UC] placement. Those functions include 13 running shelters for children who have not yet been placed with sponsors, identifying and 14 screening potential sponsors, evaluating homes in which children will be placed, making release 15 recommendations to HHS, and providing post-release services to children. HHS awarded 56 16 grants to over 30 care providers for the [UC] program in FY 2016, including . . . the U.S. 17 Conference of Catholic Bishops." Staff of S. Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations of the S. 18 Comm. on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, Protecting Unaccompanied Alien 19 Children from Trafficking and Other Abuses: The Role of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (2016).⁶ 20 21 22 23 ⁴ Available at https://judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/113-84-88437.pdf. 24 ⁵ Available at http://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU01/20160204/104402/HHRG-114-JU01-20160204-SD001.pdf. 25 ⁶ Available at http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/investigations/hearings/adequacy-of-26 the-department-of-health-and-human-services-efforts-to-protect-unaccompanied-alien-childrenfrom-human-trafficking. 27 28 14 COMPLAINT

1	56.	In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L No. 114-113, Congress
2	appropriated n	early \$1.6 billion for ORR's Refugee and Entrant Assistance Programs in FY2016,
3	including "for carrying out" the government's obligations under Section 462 of the HSA and	
4	Section 235 of the TVPRA.	
5		CAUSE OF ACTION
6	57.	Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the
7	allegations of j	paragraphs 1 through 56.
8	58.	Defendants have violated and continue to violate the Establishment Clause of the
9	First Amendm	ent by permitting USCCB and its subgrantees (such as Catholic Charities), His
10	House, Youth	for Tomorrow, and similar organizations to impose religiously based restrictions
11	on the use of ta	axpayer funds.
12	59.	Defendants' actions alleged herein have the predominant effect of advancing a
13	particular set c	of religious beliefs.
14	60.	Defendants' actions alleged herein endorse a particular set of religious beliefs.
15	61.	Defendants' actions alleged herein coerce Plaintiff and its members into
16	supporting and subsidizing a particular set of religious beliefs.	
17	62.	Defendants' actions alleged herein have the predominant purpose of advancing a
18	particular set of religious beliefs.	
19		RELIEF REQUESTED
20	WHER	EFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of its members, respectfully requests that the Court
21	enter judgmen	t in its favor and:
22	1.	Declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, that Defendants' actions, as set forth
23	above, violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States	
24	Constitution;	
25	2.	Enter a permanent injunction ordering Defendants to ensure that the HSA and
26	TVPRA grants	s are implemented without the imposition of religiously based restrictions;
27	3.	Award costs and fees for this action, including attorneys' fees;
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1	4. Award nominal damages;
2	5. Award such further relief as this Court deems appropriate.
3	DATED: June 23, 2016
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