

Supreme Court Takes Up HHS Employer Abortion Mandate

The United States Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to take up two cases involving challenges to the Obamacare Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring employers to fund abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraception.

The two cases include a claim brought by Hobby Lobby, where the federal court of appeals blocked the HHS mandate, and a claim brought by Conestoga Wood, in which a different federal court of appeals upheld the mandate.

“Americans are awakening to the fact that **Obamacare** is far from a done deal,” says Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. “The courts are just now beginning to respond to the many constitutional challenges, including the constitutionality of the employer mandate and also the free exercise of religion that applies to individuals.

“Obamacare, the biggest funding of abortion in history, is on a collision course with the sincerely held religious beliefs of many individuals and businesses. The **HHS mandate** presents a classic conflict with the free exercise of religion. I think it is apparent that the Obamacare abortion mandate will be struck down because it violates the free exercise of religion.”

Striking down the HHS mandate will not stop Obamacare, but it will prevent the federal government from forcing abortion and contraceptive funding upon religious employers or companies operated by people of religious conviction.