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### **Statement on the SCOTUS Hobby Lobby decision**

**Des Moines, IA** – Connie Ryan Terrell, executive director of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, made the following statement regarding today’s decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby*:

“We are greatly disappointed in today’s decision by the Supreme Court in *Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby*,” stated Connie Ryan Terrell, Executive Director of the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. “The ruling will allow a business to determine if employees have access to contraception through the employer’s health insurance, or not, based on the employer’s religious beliefs. While that owner has every right to those beliefs, religious freedom does not mean you also get to impose those beliefs on other people, including your employees, and in the process deprive others of their rights.”

“While the case was specifically about access to contraception, the court’s ruling has broader implications. Will the courts use this ruling to provide cover for business owners to impose their religious beliefs on employees and perhaps even the general public in other ways? Quite frankly, the implications are frightening.”

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Founded in 1996, the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa ([www.interfaithallianceiowa.org](http://www.interfaithallianceiowa.org)) is a statewide, non-partisan organization working to protect both faith and freedom in Iowa, to ensure equality for all persons, and to empower progressive people of faith and goodwill to use their voice in the public square.