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National Federation of Republican Women Urges Return to Legitimate Debate on Contraception Mandate

'We Will Not Be Derailed By a Sideshow'

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Rae Lynne Chornenky, President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), issued the following statement regarding the controversy surrounding recent comments made by talk radio show host Rush Limbaugh.

“The debate about Obama’s contraception mandate has not only taken a wrong turn, it’s officially gone off the tracks. Democrats are distracting Americans from the real debate by focusing on recent inappropriate comments made by Rush Limbaugh. The National Federation of Republican Women, which is comprised of 75,000 female members across the nation, will not be derailed by a sideshow. We want to get this debate back on track so that we can continue to have a legitimate discussion in the public arena.

“The central question is, does the federal government have the Constitutional authority to require employers to provide free contraception to employees? The NFRW is not opposed to contraception. We are opposed to President Obama’s overreaching mandate because we believe it violates the First Amendment right to free exercise of religion.”

Chornenky is available to the media for additional comment on this issue. Contact Lisa Ziriaux, NFRW communications director, at 405-596-3873 or lziriaux@nfrw.org.

Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women’s political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization works to promote the principles and objectives of the Republican Party, elect Republican candidates, inform the public through political education and activity, and increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

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