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Tim and John — Attached is a near-final draft of the HHS mandate letter Tim is joining (along with 11 other AGs). It will be filed tomorrow.

Also attached is a draft press release. I don't know if we want to do press on this or not, but I thought I should pass this along just in case.

From: Brasher, Andrew [mailto:ABrasher@ago.state.al.us]

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Cc: Beth Ryan

Subject: Contraception Mandate Sign-on Letter: Update and Draft Press Release

All,

I will file the contraception mandate comment letter **tomorrow morning**, **March 26**, **2013**. I will then send an email to this list with the as-filed version letting you know that it has been filed and giving you the green light to do any press that you may want to do.

To that end, I have attached two things to this email: (1) I have attached the final draft of comment letter. There are been a few minor changes since the last draft. The two biggest are that I have removed a sentence from the last paragraph, and I have changed the term "contraception mandate" to "HHS mandate" to better correspond with the public relations strategy of the Beckett Fund and the Alliance Defending Freedom. If you have any concerns about this final draft, please let me know as soon as possible. (2) I have also attached a draft press release that your respective teams can modify/add to however you would like.

Thank you,

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