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## **Care Net President Calls Obama's Compromise 'Political Sleight of Hand'**

**Melinda Delahoyde Says His Plan Still Troubling to Religious Institutions**

**LANSDOWNE, Va., Feb. 10, 2012** – [Care Net](#) President Melinda Delahoyde made the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's so-called "religious accommodation" in the debate over whether to require full contraception insurance coverage for female employees at religiously affiliated institutions:

"As the president of a non-profit Christian organization, I am deeply disturbed that the president appears to be playing a cynical political game with the religious liberties of faith-based organizations. According to his most recent statement, religious employers would still be paying for health insurance for their employees, and the insurance companies would be required to include contraceptive coverage. Shifting the mandate to insurance companies rather than employers represents a political sleight of hand that changes nothing and continues to infringe on the freedom of conscience of faith-based employers. The President needs to know that objections to the contraceptive coverage mandate are not about money, but about abridging the fundamental religious liberty of faith-based institutions by entangling them in practices which violate their convictions."

Care Net's vision is a culture where lives are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and every woman chooses life for herself and her unborn child. Last year, Care Net pregnancy centers served more than 400,000 women, offering them free or low-cost medical services such as ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, STD tests and counseling services. Nationally, pregnancy centers have a 97 percent client satisfaction rate, and they have been honored by numerous states and, in 2008, by the White House for their service to our country. For more information, visit <http://www.care-net.org>.