



FACT SHEET ***Grote Industries v. Sebelius***

ABOUT Grote Industries v. Sebelius

Grote Industries is a family-run auto lighting company and job provider based in Madison, Ind. Founded in 1901 by William Grote, Grote Industries is a leading manufacturer and marketer of vehicle lighting and safety systems and operates in multiple countries in North America, Europe, and Asia. The Obama administration's abortion pill mandate forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs and devices, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties. This coercive mandate violates Grote's constitutionally protected freedom of religion and conscience; therefore, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed suit on behalf of the company and the family that owns it in October 2012. In January 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit issued a preliminary injunction that halts enforcement of the mandate against the company while its lawsuit moves forward in court.

CURRENT STATUS OF Grote Industries v. Sebelius AS OF 05/21/2013

Oral arguments will take place at the 7th Circuit on May 22.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

- Whether family business owners will have the freedom to offer health insurance coverage that does not violate their faith.
- Whether Washington politicians will be allowed to decide what faith is, who the faithful are, and where and how faith may be lived out.
- Whether people of faith will remain free to conduct business according to their convictions or be forced by the government to violate their beliefs in order to stay in business.
- Whether the government will be permitted to exercise raw, coercive power over the conscience and convictions of every American who engages in business.

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ABOUT Alliance Defending Freedom

Alliance Defending Freedom is an alliance-building, non-profit legal organization that advocates for the right of people to freely live out their faith.

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