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Subject: Thank you for supporting birth control access for all women

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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

As the mother of three wonderful children and grandmother of seven, I commend the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pays, beginning in August 2012.

This places much-needed importance on women's health. Too often, women's health is not a priority in health care policy.

Birth control is a critical part of preventive care. Making contraception available to all women, regardless of their insurance or ability to pay for it, will significantly reduce long-term health care costs as well as physical and mental suffering associated with unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

Sincerely,

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