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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

Kudos to the Department of Health & Human Services' for your landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

As I watch state after state ignore a woman's right to control her own body and make it even more difficult for those who can least afford it obtain health care and family planning services, I become more and more outraged that we are letting this happen.

This policy, however, places a much-needed importance on women's health that is too-often not a priority in health care policy. Birth control is a critical part of preventive care, and making contraception available to all women, regardless of their insurance or ability to pay for it, will significantly reduce long-term health care costs associated with unplanned pregnancies.

Humane considerations aside, pure economics should be enough to recognize the importance of this policy.

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

Sincerely,

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