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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I am very excited to hear of the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

It is wonderful to know that soon there will be a policy which 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.

And let us not forget, it will reduce the number of abortions and save women's lives.

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

Sincerely,

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