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Subject: Thank you for supporting women"s reproductive health

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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I applaud the Department of Health & Human Services for requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception - without co-pays - beginning in August 2012.

For the first time that I am aware, women's reproductive health is now a legitimate health priority. Birth control/contraception is a vital part of preventative care. Making contraception available, without the copay requirement, sets a powerful precedent and goes a long way to significantly reduce long-term health care costs associated with unplanned and/or life-threatening pregnancies.

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

Sincerely,

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