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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I think it is a step in the right direction and I commend 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.

This policy 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.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs. In the end it will save money for the country and it will prevent unwanted abortions by preventing pregnancy to begin with.

Sincerely,

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