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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I'm writing to 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 emphasizes a much-needed priority on women's health that is customarily disregarded by health care policies. Birth control is certainly as important as medications for erectile dysfunction. 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.

Sincerely,

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