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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

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. As a young college student in a work-study program, this decision is one that directly affects me and I can't begin to express how appreciative I am that this policy is going into place.

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

Sincerely,

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