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Subject: Thank you for supporting birth control access for all women

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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

After the onslaught of laws and bills attacking and intruding upon the lives of women, I am thrilled to hear and read about the Department of Health & Human Services' courageous decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

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.

Sincerely,

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