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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,

Birth control access for all women is vital to women's health, quality of life, and capacity to be financially independent and a player in the health of our nation's economy. So, thank you for supporting birth control access for all women 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.

Sincerely,

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