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I join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in asking you to accept the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine as pertain to coverage of preventive care under the new health care law, and to reject any exemptions for "religious employers." These preventive services are a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

Health care and the right to access all aspects thereof should be an overriding concern of government; entertaining the religious preferences of employers should not. Uphold the division of church and state not only as it directly pertains to the First Amendment but the common sense extension whereby religious conviction does not interpret constitutional rights.