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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 in relation to coverage of preventive care under the new health care law. And also to reject any exemptions for “religious employers.” These preventive services are a critical element of the new law.

AAUW believes that “religious refusal” exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services,. If granted, this larger exemption would deny access to thousands of women just because of where they work.

I urge you to ensure women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM’s recommendations and rejecting the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

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