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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.

We must stop the march to a religious state, no matter what that religion is. We must protect the rights of all our citizens in their access to health care regardless of their gender. A woman's health care is a matter for her and her doctor and no one should have the right to refuse the care that the doctor has prescribed.

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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