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 Access to Preventive Care

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I join with AAUW (American Association of University Women) in urging you to accept the recommendation of the IOM (Institute of Medicine) that women's preventive health care be completely covered by any new health insurance plans under the new health care reform law.

Like AAUW, I urge you to stop plans to expand this recommendation to include so called "religious refusal" provisions. This expansion permits an overly broad definition of what can be refused. Access should mean access to those medically defined in need, and this access should not be blocked by a health care provider claiming some religious rather than medical definition of need.