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To Whom It May Concern:

I joint with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in asking you to accept the recommendation 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.” I believe that preventive service is a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

Further, “religious refusal” exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services, others, driven by an ideological distaste for all contraceptive services, are pushing the government to make exemptions even larger. Some groups are looking to apply the exemption to religiously-run health providers, which would make hospitals with religious affiliations exempt from the coverage requirement. Remember that not all of their employees are people that practice the same faiths or ideologies. If granted, this larger exemption denies access to thousands of women based on their place of work.

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

Sincerely,

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