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Dear HHS Secretary Sebelius,

I am writing because I have been notified that contraception is not currently included in preventative services covered under the new health care plan. As someone who does women's health research, and specifically around contraceptive counseling, I know how important it is for women to be able to plan their desired pregnancies.

PLEASE:

- Realize that contraception is part preventive care for women, and access to wideranging contraceptive care is in the best interest of women's health, children, and our communities.
- Support cost-sharing for preventive care services like contraception.
- We will not accept anymore unnecessary and unreasonable delays in access to contraceptive care as preventative health services.

Thank you,

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