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I heartily endorse 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.

These groups are trying to make these odious exemptions even larger and we have seen that far from reducing unwanted pregnancies, they only prevent women exerting their rights to determine how many children they will have. They misrepresent their mission to innocent girls and trap them into having babies they are in no condition to bear or support, More and more women are held hostage to Catholic run hospitals who are free to make these decisions for them.

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.