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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I commend the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

This policy places a much-needed importance on women's health that is too-often not a priority in health care policy. Birth control is a critical part of preventive care, and making contraception available to all women, regardless of their insurance or ability to pay for it, will significantly reduce long-term health care costs associated with unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

I particularly would like to add that this is a step forward in approaching healthcare for all without adding demeaning labels or sexist remarks. I am glad that the US has decided to join the other developed countries in realizing that health (including sexual health) is a right to all and should never be limited based on the money a person may have.

Sincerely,

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