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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.

I have lived abroad for several years in the UK where birth control is free on the NHS and available to all women, and thought it was high time America got in line with civilized society in the rest of the western world. This is a huge step forward.

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

Sincerely,

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