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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.

The decision does away with the discriminatory practice of having insurance pay for Viagra but not birth control. There is no room in American government agencies for religious policy to be made public policy. You have saved many families needless suffering.

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

Sincerely,

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