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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

Dear Ms. Sebelius,

I applaud 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. I also hope that HHS will be able to contain costs and work with insurers to make sure health care costs will not needlessly increase due to this legislation, to prevent consumers to see a significant increase in monthly insurance costs which health care insurers will most likely try to pass on to us all.

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.

Sincerely,

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