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I join with 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.

While AAUW believes that "religious refusal" exemptions unjustly deny women access to contraceptive services, others, driven by an ideological distaste for all contraceptive services, are pushing the government to make exemptions even larger. Indeed, some groups are pushing for the exemption to apply to religiously-run health providers, so hospitals with religious affiliations would be exempt from the coverage requirement, even though they employ people of all faiths and ideologies. If granted, this larger exemption would deny access to thousands of women just because of where they work.

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

"What appears on the surface of society seem to be multitudinous problems, but by use of critical point analysis they have a common root.
For example we can make up a list of 'unsolvable' social problems, all of which are deemed to stem from different 'causes' in the world, such as:

poverty
crowded highways
massive immigration
rising gasoline prices and power consumption
environmental destruction
overwhelmed government agencies
progressive elimination of rain forests
excessive CO₂ production
high taxation
crowded inner cities where crime and poverty prevail
smog and air pollution
global warming
overcrowded landfills
overcrowded courts, jails, and prisons
overcrowded emergency rooms
overwhelming medical costs
overwhelming Social Security costs
a postal service overwhelmed by deficits
lack of dump sites
dwindling wildlife and natural resources
threatened extinction of species
pollution of the ocean
excessive case loads for all areas of welfare and human services
overwhelmed child protective services

rising costs of welfare and social services
long waits for service from all agencies
long lines at supermarkets
traffic jams
escalating police costs
overcrowded schools
teacher shortages
nursing shortages
rising noise pollution levels
invasion of privacy on every level
shortages of raw materials
shortages of dump space for toxic materials
overtaxed energy sources
pollution of streams, lakes, and rivers
starving nations and continents

Merely listing all the supposed diverse problems brings the awareness that they all stem from the same single basis--the very simple and obvious to see but unnoticed face of overpopulation.

Thus we see the paradox that sending financial aid to a country results in a spurt of birth rate and a worsening of the basic poverty level (e.g. Haiti)."

--Dr David Hawkins