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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 they 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 want 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 insure that women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM's recommendations. Please reject the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

Thank you,
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Specifically, they did four things: cut taxes (with a heavy tilt toward the rich), waged two wars on the national credit card (one of which was against a country that had nothing to do with 9/11 and posed no serious threat to America), passed a prescription drug benefit with no pay-for (the first entitlement in American history without a revenue source), and deregulated Wall Street (which helped turn the American economy into a casino and touched off the Great Recession).

-- How Republicans Screwed the Pooch
Paul Begala, Daily Beast, Jul 30, 2011