

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

We write to express our continued support for free preventive care including contraceptive methods and counseling under the Affordable Care Act. A woman's decision on how and when to build her family is a matter of her own conscience. The "conscience" of an employer or an insurance company should not impede a woman's access to birth control without cost-sharing under any circumstances. We oppose any efforts to further exempt employers from following the law.

Free preventive care is required under section 2713 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In July, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommended which women's preventive services should be covered by new health plans without cost-sharing. Among the list of recommended women's preventive services is the full range of FDA-approved contraceptive methods and counseling. On August 1, HHS issued guidelines to adopt these recommendations. We fully support increasing and protecting women's access to birth control. We oppose any efforts to circumvent a woman's conscience. American women won't stand for it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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