

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 26, 2013

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr
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Dear Attorney General Holder,

As Members of Congress committed to ensuring women have access to the full range of health care options, we are pleased with the recent federal court decision that allows women the access they need and deserve to a safe and effective form of contraception. We urge your Department not to appeal the decision reached in *Tummino v. Hamburg* so that this long running matter can finally be brought to a close.


Levonorgestrel-based emergency contraception has already been approved for over-the-counter use for women of all ages without point of sale restrictions by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and women's access to it is supported by medical experts from the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Last week's court order allows women to make their own healthcare choices, regardless of their age, eliminates confusion at the pharmacy counter, and removes barriers to preventing unintended pregnancies.

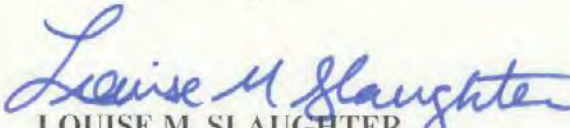
Thanks to the Court's decision, the FDA will finally be able to craft a solution for emergency contraception that is consistent with other medications and demonstrates a commitment to science-based public health policy. We ask that you allow this process to go forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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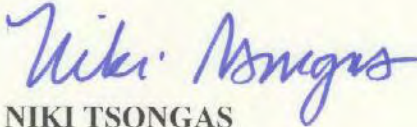
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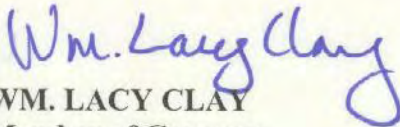
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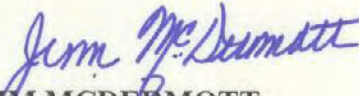
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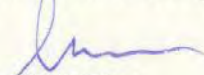

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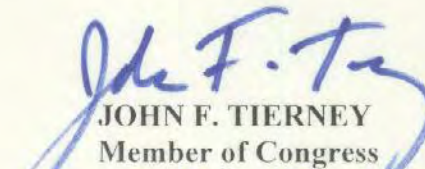

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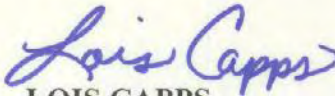

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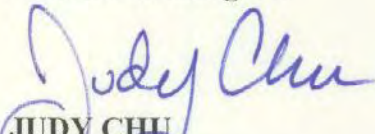

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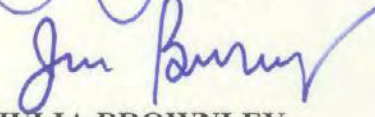

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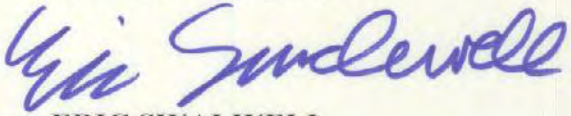

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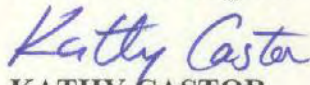

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