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I was so thrilled when I heard about the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine that contraceptive devices and prescriptions be accepted as preventive care and covered without co-pays under the new health care law. These preventive services are a critical element of the new law and would provide countless women better access to necessary health care.

Now I understand that exemptions are being sought for "religious employers." I believe that those exemptions will deny many women access to contraceptive services, since people of many religions or no religion work for "religious employers"--especially religiously-run health care providers, like many hospitals.

Please ensure women have access to quality preventive care by accepting IOM's recommendations and rejecting the proposed religious refusal exemption provisions.

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