

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 25, 2017

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney:

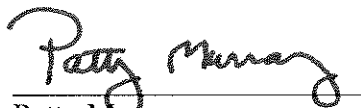
On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicated that it is reviewing an interim final rule (IFR) entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act." Given the Trump Administration's record of seeking to roll back women's health and rights, we see this as a signal that access to affordable birth control may be the Administration's next target.

We write to urge you to cease any efforts related to President Trump's May 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Order that would undermine access to affordable preventive services, including contraception, for women. This dangerous Executive Order, which opens the door to discrimination against not only women but also LGBTQ people, religious minorities, and others, directed the Secretaries of the Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services to "consider issuing amended regulations, consistent with applicable law, to address conscience-based objections to the preventive-care mandate..." We are deeply concerned that any such regulations would have a devastating effect on women's access to coverage for preventive services, including birth control, without cost-sharing as guaranteed under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

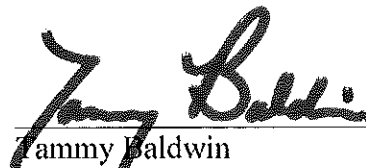
Today, more than 55 million women are benefiting from coverage of preventive services with no out-of-pocket costs, including birth control, thanks to the ACA. In fact, from 2012 to 2013, the number of women who filled their prescriptions for oral contraceptives with no co-pay nearly quadrupled from 1.3 million to 5.1 million. Women saved more than \$1.4 billion in out-of-pocket costs for birth control in 2013 alone. Access to affordable preventive services including contraception is a critical part of women's health care, as well as an economic priority for many women. It should be treated as such.

We urge you to abandon any proposal that would erode access to affordable preventive healthcare for women, including birth control.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
United States Senator



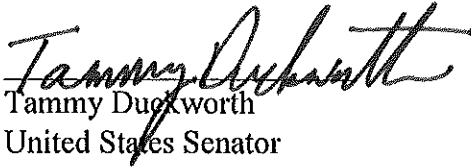
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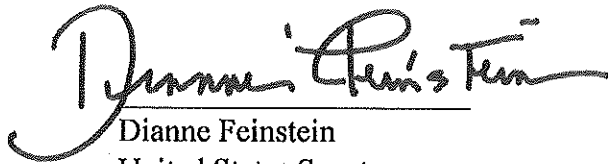
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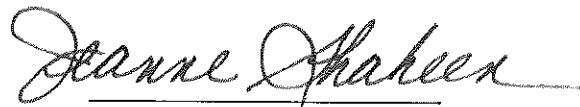
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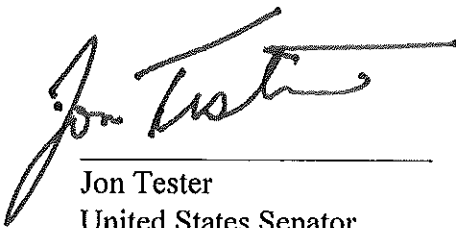
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