

Dear [Congress member],

As a New Yorker and your constituent, I am proud that our state has historically been a beacon and leader in reproductive health and would like to uphold this hard-earned reputation.

I am writing to urge your support for the Medicaid Family Planning State Option provision that was recently removed from the Economic Stimulus Plan.

The provision would provide tremendous benefits, including:

- Allowing millions of low income women to obtain basic health care
- Significantly expanding access to family planning services, including contraception
- Extending safety net healthcare coverage for millions who are losing their jobs
- Savings for the federal government of \$700 million over ten years

Particularly in difficult economic times, we must ensure that women have every option available to prevent unwanted pregnancies and to access comprehensive healthcare that includes cervical and breast cancer screening. We must act now to protect and promote reproductive freedom for all Americans.

Sincerely,

[Name]