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Dear Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for accepting my written testimony today. I am unable to attend the Public Health, Welfare and Safety hearing, however I consider this to be an incredibly important issue. I am here to voice my strong support for (the bill that would promote contraceptive equality). Contraceptive equality is crucial coverage that health insurance providers should be required to provide clients in need. Health insurance policies should provide coverage for clients with birth control needs. There is no reason for these policies to discriminate against women's contraceptive health. Each time a doctor prescribes birth control, just like any other medication, it should be covered by standard health insurance. This is a fundamental right and responsibility for insurance coverage and I highly recommend a do pass recommendation out of committee. Thank you for your time.

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