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RESPONSE FROM GINNY EHRLICH, CEO, THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN AND UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

(Washington, DC)—With the leak yesterday of a [draft version](#) of the Trump Administration’s new rule on contraceptive coverage, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy voices its concern that this rule—if it were to go into effect in its current form—could eliminate no co-pay coverage of some or all methods of birth control for hundreds of thousands of women.

“We are concerned that this rule, if made final, could leave hundreds of thousands of women without coverage of the full range of birth control methods without the cost-sharing they currently enjoy,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO of The National Campaign. “This would exacerbate the current gaps in coverage and access to contraception that already exist in this nation. It is well documented that access to contraception has contributed significantly to the historic declines in unplanned pregnancy. Thus, the implementation of this rule would likely result in more unplanned pregnancies and abortions, and less economic and educational opportunities for the women affected.

“As an organization with long-standing respect for diverse religious views, as well as a strong commitment to ensuring that all women have the ability to access the full range of contraceptive methods so they can choose what works best for them, The National Campaign believes existing rules balance those concerns. Rather than creating barriers to women’s contraceptive coverage, we as a nation should be focused on empowering women to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to become pregnant. We urge the Trump Administration not to put up new barriers to women’s contraceptive coverage.”

About The National Campaign: The National Campaign is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit us at www.TheNationalCampaign.org or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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