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**Obama Administration Drops Opposition to Over-the-Counter Sale of  
Emergency Contraceptive Plan B One-Step  
Without Age Restrictions**  
**A Statement from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned  
Pregnancy**

(Washington, DC)—On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Obama Administration announced it is dropping its opposition to an April 5<sup>th</sup> court ruling ordering emergency contraception to be made available without prescription regardless of age. The Administration assured the court that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will approve a revised application from the makers of the emergency contraceptive Plan B One-Step for over-the-counter (OTC) status without delay. This will result in Plan B One-Step soon being available OTC without age restrictions. However, the FDA has said it does not intend to change the status of generic two-pill emergency contraceptives at this time. Therefore, it is likely that for some time Plan B One-Step will be the only emergency contraceptive available without a prescription and any age restrictions.

In response to these recent developments, Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy released the following statement:

“The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy believes the decision to allow sale of Plan B One-Step without a prescription and without age restrictions is an important step toward ensuring that any adolescent girl or women who needs emergency contraception can get it. Making contraception, including emergency contraception, more accessible is an important part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce both teen and unplanned pregnancy in the United States. Half of all pregnancies in the United States are described by women themselves as unplanned and rates of unplanned pregnancy are especially high among teens and young adults.

“It is important to remember that there is no evidence that making contraception (including emergency contraception) available to teens or older women encourages them to begin having sex, to have sex at younger ages, or to have more sexual partners. In fact, research suggests that the substantial declines in the teen pregnancy and birth rates in this country reflect more responsible decisions on the part of teens – both to delay sex and to use

contraception more effectively. The long term objective should continue to be improving access to all methods of contraception, for women of all ages.”

**About The National Campaign:** The National Campaign is a private, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit [www.TheNationalCampaign.org](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org) for more information.