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*“Abortion is genocide.”*

Aboriginal tenet of indigenous Australia

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### **Keeping the Pill in play: How Komen’s ignorance nearly cost the Senators their game.**

On January 20th President Barack Obama’s administration required all health insurance providers to cover birth control as a preventive service, forcing providers to cover the full cost of contraceptives without co-pays or deductibles for the patients.

Democratic senators backed this decision to enforce their President’s new contraception law.

I believe that this administration had a readily available agent to dispense all those contraceptives. That agent was Planned Parenthood, already the nation’s largest contraception dispensary. [Contraceptive steroids (in pills, patches, vaginal rings, IUDs or injectable forms) increases estrogen exposure. --Angela Lanfranchi, M.D. Breast Cancer Prevention Institute]

I have a hypothesis that Komen was unaware of the government’s plan for Planned Parenthood. What a shock it must have been to the Administration to find that funding source Komen for the Cure was not aware of this plan of the Administration to use Planned Parenthood as their “official” government dispenser of contraception.

When Komen pulled their dollars from Planned Parenthood this week, all Hell broke loose: The feds are already giving Planned Parenthood our Title X tax dollars, but Planned Parenthood losing its Komen donation dollars might create a serious, deleterious financial problem for the President’s new plan. For the President was hoping that every community with a Planned Parenthood was now destined to be a local Presidential dispensary of the pill through those mandatory health insurance policies.

*Preserving life is our responsibility. Minority lives, from conception to natural death, our focus.*

So, in a solid block of 26, the senators squared up politically across from Komen and drop-kicked the ball straight at Komen's head - Nancy Brinker. This was quite a wake-up call. I am curious to learn whether this action is unprecedented in history. Can this be legal?

In a letter to Brinker, apparently blind to their own position as a 26 horse-powered political juggernaut, the senators stated:

"It would be tragic if any woman - let alone thousands of women - lost access to these potentially life-saving screenings because of a politically motivated attack, ..."

The Senators also wrote:

"We write to express our disappointment with Susan G. Komen for the Cure's decision to cut funding for breast cancer prevention, screening, and education at Planned Parenthood health centers. This troubling decision threatens to reduce access to necessary, life-saving services. We urge Komen to reconsider its decision."

Planned Parenthood's services certainly are necessary to the President's plan: Who else is to provide all the services Obama just put into play? Planned Parenthood is perfectly positioned and poised to open its maws for more federally mandated dollars into its bloody coffers.

The senators' letter continues.

"We earnestly hope that you will put women's health before partisan politics and reconsider this decision for the sake of the women who depend on both your organizations for access to the health care they need."

The following 26 senators signed the letter to Komen:

Daniel Akaka (D-Hawii)  
Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)  
Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)  
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)  
Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Mark Begich (D-AK)  
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
Jon Tester (D-MT)

Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)  
Max Baucus (D-MT)  
Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
Al Franken (D-MN)  
John Kerry (D-MA)  
Claire McCaskill (D-MO)  
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
Chris Coons (D-DE)  
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)

Some of the statements from the web sites of these senators follow:

Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)

“Birth control is a basic health care need for millions of women and these new rules will ensure it is more accessible for all women. This is another example of how the health care reform law is taking important steps to remove hurdles and make affordable quality care available to more Americans.”

Patty Murray (D-WA)

“This is good news for millions of women whose access to contraceptive services under this important new benefit was being questioned. It means that more women will receive free birth control services and medical resources that experts agree will prevent unintended pregnancies. The President made the right decision by putting access and the reproductive rights of women first.” 20 January 2012

Boxer Praises President Obama's Decision to Ensure that Women Have Access to Affordable Preventive Care

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today issued the following statement after President Obama announced that new health insurance plans will be required to provide no-cost birth control to women under the Affordable Care Act:

“I am so pleased that the President followed the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and independent medical experts. “This is a critical step forward for women’s health that will prevent abortions and ensure that millions of American families have access to affordable birth control.”

Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

Among those supporting the new federal mandate is U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who said in a statement, “The use of birth control is a personal decision that should not be affected by your workplace. It should be up to a woman and her family to decide to use it or not, not her boss.”

There is a Spanish saying which says: *Este webo quiere sal*. Loosely translated it means: There appears to be more to all this than meets the eye.

I encourage readers to examine more senatorial statements by visiting the websites of the block of 26 senators listed above.

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