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Marcie Natan
National President
Hadassah

Dear Ms. Natan,

I write to personally thank you for the support Hadassah has given to the Women’s Preventive Health Awareness Campaign Act, a bill I reintroduced this spring and consider one of my priority pieces of legislation. I greatly appreciate Hadassah’s partnership in the effort to improve women’s health.

As you are aware, women’s preventive health care is vital for women’s overall health. My bill would provide for a Department of Health and Human Services campaign to raise awareness about best practices for women’s preventive health and to promote the fact that annual well-woman visits, which are critical for preventing illnesses or diagnosing them early, are covered under the Affordable Care Act. In addition, this bill would clarify coverage for women’s preventive health services and ensure that all well-woman visits are covered by health insurance with no cost sharing.

Improving women’s health doesn’t just require legislation and work on the part of the government—we need an increased awareness among women about the preventive services available. The efforts of Hadassah members to support the Women’s Preventive Health Awareness Campaign by making it a policy issue in the “Day in the District” campaign has made a difference in this regard.

Hadassah advocates have been important partners in our effort—effectively raising awareness among Members of Congress and recruiting cosponsors for this bill. Thank you again for your work on this important issue and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Ami Bera, M.D.
Member of Congress