

Sample 12-Month Supply of Birth Control Letter

March 9th, 2017
The Honorable Leon Howard
425 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Howard and members of the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs committee,

As a [community member / constituent], I urge you to support the 12-Month Supply of Birth Control bill, H.3809, which would require insurance providers to cover a one-year's supply of birth control at a time.

Currently, most women must refill their birth control prescriptions each month, which can prove burdensome for women who lack transportation, live in rural areas, move frequently, or struggle to balance hectic schedules. In fact, one in four women says they have missed birth control pills because they could not get the next pack in time.

In a state where the rate of unintended pregnancy hovers around fifty percent, dispensing a one-year's supply of birth control could drastically impact our constituency. Studies show women who receive a one year supply of contraception were 30 percent less likely to have an unintended pregnancy and were also less likely to obtain an abortion compared to women who received only a one to three month supply.

[Why does this legislation matter to you? Use this space to tell your legislator!]

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony about this important issue. When H.3809 comes up for debate, I encourage you to think about the health of our state and vote YES.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Address)

Sample Method Ban Letter

March 9th, 2017
The Honorable Gregory Delleney, Jr.
512 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Delleney and members of the Judiciary committee,

As a [community member / constituent], I urge you to stand in opposition against H.3548, the Abortion Method Ban bill.

The method this bill seeks to outlaw is the most common surgical technique for second-trimester abortions and can be safely performed in an office, clinic, or operating room. The risk of major complications is less than 1%. Alternative procedures could increase the risk of complications for a woman and can make the procedure longer and potentially more painful.

This bill insults women and their capacity to make informed and values-based decisions about their health care, threatens the doctor-patient relationship, and if passed, would undo decades of hard-won progress for South Carolina women.

[Why does this legislation matter to you? Use this space to tell your legislator!]

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns regarding this important issue. When H.3548 comes up for debate, I encourage you to think about the health of our state and vote NO.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Address)