The pill is generally inexpensive. Walmart carries a range of brands for $4 a month. However, gaining access to the pill is not so straightforward. You must pay to see a doctor, and you have to get a new prescription every year. Doctors are not always easy to visit, especially in rural areas!

As early as 1968, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists supported making oral birth control available to women without a prescription.

There is progress on this issue. California and Oregon have made changes to allow pharmacists to prescribe birth control directly to the consumer. Making the right oral birth control choice is arguably easier and safer than choosing the right headache medicine.

Removing birth control from the insurance and prescription roles would not keep women from accessing birth control. It will actually allow women access to the medicine they need as easily as men can purchase condoms. Reproductive freedom for ALL WOMEN is within reach.

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