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Dear Working Group Member,

In today's *LA Times*, I have an op-ed on the two new bills that were recently introduced in the Senate to encourage an over-the-counter birth control pill, including the legislation by Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) and Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) aimed at encouraging a pharmaceutical company to submit an application for an OTC switch (albeit with an unnecessary age restriction), and the legislation by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) aimed at codifying insurance coverage for a future OTC pill. In my op-ed, I aim to move beyond the politics of these bills, and to instead explore the impact that they would have on women.

You can read the full piece here:

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-grossman-otc-birth-control-pills-20150619-story.html>

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments!

Thanks,

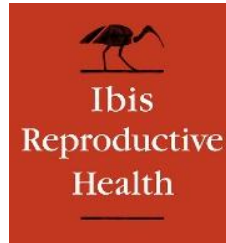
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About us

The Oral Contraceptives (OCs) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Working Group is an informal coalition of reproductive health and rights organizations, nonprofit research and advocacy groups, university-based researchers, and prominent clinicians who share an interest in women's health and access to contraception. Our goal is to evaluate objectively the risks and benefits of demedicalizing contraceptive care, with an eye toward improving access to OCs and

potentially other hormonal contraceptive methods by making them available without a prescription.

The working group is coordinated by Ibis Reproductive Health.



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