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**The Honorable John D. Dingell**  
Ranking Member  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

June 19, 2001

Dear Representative Dingell:

We are pleased to let you know that the Family Violence Prevention Fund supports H.R. 526, the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001.

As one of the nation's leading advocates on behalf of battered women, we understand the vital importance of timely access to high quality health care services. In future discussions, we also look forward to examining ways for public and private insurers to cover the costs of screening and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (202) 682-1212.

Sincerely,

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