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Dear Colleague:

It is with much pleasure that the NYC Commission on Women's Issues joins the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and The Commonwealth Fund to release "Women at Risk: The Health of Women in New York City." This report presents health care providers, public officials, City agencies and departments, community organizations, and individuals with the information necessary to ensure better health for women in our City.

The NYC Commission on Women's Issues' goal is to work on behalf of women by promoting their economic and social well-being; educating the public about women's issues; and making recommendations to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg for legislation or executive action that improves the lives of women. Furthermore, the Commission's Health Committee is keeping the health of New York City women a top priority by providing guidance on health-related policies and increasing public awareness of health-related issues facing women today.

By joining efforts with DOHMH, the Commission aims to achieve measurable goals set forth by the "Take Care New York City" health agenda. The policy focuses on the need for access to regular health care, preventive screenings, increased physical activity, and other areas that are particularly important for women and other at-risk populations. To reach these targets by 2008, the Commission commends the collection of community data from which we can assess and monitor the health of New Yorkers.

Likewise, The Commonwealth Fund is pleased to continue its support for advancing women's health. Given the opportunities and challenges ahead, The Fund will work with others to ensure that the voices of women are heard and steps are taken to care for women and their health. Using the critical information in this report, we look forward to achieving an even healthier New York City Woman in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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