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**The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy**

In conjunction with:

**Sen. Patty Murray and Sen. Susan Collins
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On:

Contraception 101: More than Just Pills and Condoms

Did you know that two-thirds of women and their partners* choose pills or condoms as their contraceptive method? Although the number and availability of contraceptive drugs and devices has grown substantially over the last decade, many of the newer, most effective methods are not well understood and not widely used – particularly when compared with other countries. This briefing will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the latest information about an array of contraceptive options, including newer methods such as “the patch” and “the ring” and other long-acting reversible contraceptives.

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Why it Matters:

Although more than half of women in the United States in their childbearing years use some form of contraception to prevent pregnancy, there are still at least 3 million unplanned pregnancies annually. At least half of those pregnancies are because women and their partners are using relatively ineffective method of contraception, or are using an effective method of contraception incorrectly or inconsistently.

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* (who have not chosen sterilization)