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**Statement from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
on the One-Year Anniversary of The Affordable Care Act**

(Washington, DC)—One year ago, on March 23, 2010, The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law by President Obama. The landmark health reform legislation included several provisions that will help to prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy, including:

- Cost-sharing protections for covered women’s preventive services, currently being determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The National Campaign and others believe contraception, which is a cost-effective and essential part of women’s health care, should be included as a preventive service exempt from cost-sharing similar to other women’s preventive services.
- \$75 million annually in mandatory funding over five years for The Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) which provides grants to states and tribes for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention. In addition to the evidence-based investments, the ACA also continues abstinence-only education funds, providing \$50 million annually over five years in formula grants for states and territories.
- Dependent coverage, which will allow young adults to stay on their parents’ health plan until age 26.
- The Medicaid Family Planning State Option, which allows states that want to expand family planning eligibility to the same eligibility as pregnancy-related care to do so through a less burdensome process.

“The National Campaign applauds the provisions of the ACA that promote evidence-based education and pregnancy planning and prevention through wider access to contraception,” said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “Reducing teen and unplanned pregnancy is a cost-effective way to improve our nation’s health, support families, strengthen education and workforce competitiveness, reduce abortion, and ease taxpayer costs. While the nation has made

truly remarkable progress in preventing too-early pregnancy and parenthood, we still have much work to do. It is still the case that three in ten girls will get pregnant at least once before age 20 and half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, far higher than any other industrialized nation.”

About The National Campaign: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families. Our specific strategy is to prevent teen pregnancy and unplanned pregnancy among single, young adults. We support a combination of responsible values and behavior by both men and women and responsible policies in both the public and private sectors. If we are successful, child and family well-being will improve.