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TODAY I WILL VETO THE LABOR/HHS APPROPRIATIONS BILL. THE REGULATIONS ALREADY IN PLACE, ASSURE THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT A WOMAN FROM RECEIVING COMPLETE MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT HER CONDITION FROM A PHYSICIAN. THROWING OUT THESE REGULATIONS IS NOT THE WAY TO GO.

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