



March 6, 2017

Dear Judge Gorsuch,

As you lobby our colleagues in DC to support your nomination to the highest court in America, we'd be remiss if we did not offer you advice from the women leaders of California, the sixth largest economy in the world:

We believe any challenge to Roe vs. Wade is a rallying cry for women everywhere. What a woman does with her body is that woman's choice alone.

We believe stripping the women of this country their fundamental rights would be unprecedented and would cause the nation to lose faith in our judicial system.

We believe access to contraception is not up for debate. If we don't want women having abortions, don't undermine the ability to prevent pregnancies.

We believe Planned Parenthood is the best chance many women have at receiving healthcare, regardless of their age, income, zip code or skin color.

We believe clean air and clean water should be the norm in every community, not just in ones where special interests reside.

We believe discrimination against the majority gender of our country is foolish and wrong. Such discrimination is the kind of backwards thinking our courts have struck down as unconstitutional time and time again.

We believe that securing economic opportunity for all women—through equal pay, access to childcare, family friendly workplaces, and protecting vulnerable communities -- makes a stronger California and a stronger nation.

We believe history is illuminated by courageous and tenacious individuals who have advanced equality as a guiding principle. We hope history will guide you in your service to us all.

You have the ability to empower and engage the 162 million women that make the United States of America a beacon of hope and prosperity to the world.

Don't let us down.

Respectfully,



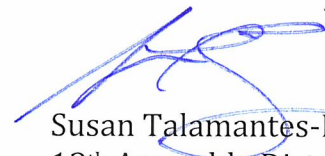
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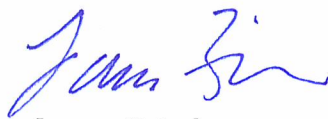
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