

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,


On Election Day in 1920, millions of women exercised their right to vote for the first time in our nation's history. Nearly 100 years later, women have made great strides towards equality. They make up nearly half of the workforce and earn a higher percentage of college degrees. However, women continue to face barriers that prohibit them to be on equal footing with men. Women still only earn about 80 cents, on average, to a man's dollar. Two out of three workers making the minimum wage are women. Male leaders continue to outnumber female leaders in business, academia, and in government on the local and federal level.

As the Commander in Chief of this nation, your words matter. Using the power of your office to degrade women speaks volumes. It sends a message to our children about what is acceptable behavior from a world leader.

We write to condemn your attack on Mika Brzezinski, as part of a larger pattern of your demeaning characterization of women, rooted in gender. Instead of perpetuating the sexist notion that a woman's value is proportionate to her appearance, we urge you to use the power of your office to invest in the advancement and empowerment of women in the United States.

We believe you have a moral responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect despite differences in opinion or politics. We urge you to use your platform to champion public policy for women in the workplace and to advance equality.

Sincerely,


Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress

