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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued existence of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women as a standalone body with its full powers intact.

At a time when women, girls, and gender-expansive people are still fighting for basic rights, bodily autonomy, equal pay, safety, and access to services, we need institutions specifically dedicated to advancing equity. The threats to organizations focusing on gender equity from the Federal Government is creating fear and scarcity of funding. The Commission on the Status of Women plays a critical role in ensuring San Francisco lives up to its values of inclusion, transparency, and justice.

The Commission on the Status of Women brings together diverse leaders, experts, and advocates who reflect the communities they serve. It provides a platform for public participation and a necessary counterbalance within our local government structure.

I urge the Task Force to preserve the Commission's independent voice, governance authority, and nominating power. These are not optional features; they are fundamental to real democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Chair of the Board, Alliance for Girls