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Esteemed Commission Streamlining Task Force Members:

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. I think we can all agree that the U.S. is traveling backwards when it comes to bodily autonomy, safety, and equal pay for woman.

This matter is also deeply personal to me. I formerly worked at the Women's Funding Network in San Francisco as a project manager for Women Moving Millions, a international campaign to solicit million-dollar gifts for women's funds and foundations and gender equity funders in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Americas. From that experience, I can affirm that were San Francisco to dismantle the Commission on the Status of Women in any way, shape, or form, it would send a chilling message nationally and internationally as well and diminish San Francisco's international reputation as a pacesetter.

Furthermore, I urge the Task Force to preserve the Commission's independent voice, governance authority, and nominating power.

Immediately after the 2022 billionaire-funded San Francisco school board recall campaign, the Board of Education eliminated all of its oversight committees - Budget and Business Services, HR and Personnel, Program and Curriculum, and Building and Grounds. The results of this move have been nothing short of disastrous for our educators and students, with a disastrous payroll debacle (which has still not been solved), educators leaving the profession, and [\\$30 million of special education funding disappearing during the last academic year.](#)

Oversight is critical to our democracy and to protecting the values that we cherish as San Franciscans. San Francisco can ill afford to lose the Commission on the Status of Women. Hands off this vital commission. It needs to be left intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, ^[1]_[SEP]

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