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To: [commissionstreamlining](#)
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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco Family Violence Council and the important role it plays in keeping our communities safe.

The Council brings together people from City departments, nonprofits, and community organizations to tackle the issue of family violence head-on. They do more than just talk; they share information, track trends, and recommend real steps the City can take to prevent violence and support survivors. Every year, they put out a detailed report that helps all of us better understand what's happening in San Francisco and how we can respond more effectively.

During my time as President of the Commission on the Status of Women, I had the honor of sitting on the Council. I saw firsthand how valuable it is to have a space where service providers, advocates, and city leaders can come together to share updates, coordinate efforts, and learn from each other. It truly makes a difference, not just in policy, but in the lives of those affected by family violence.

Now more than ever, when incidents of violence are rising, this Council should be strengthened, not diminished. Removing or limiting its reach would be a step backward in our fight to protect families and support survivors.

Please continue to support the vital work of the Family Violence Council. Our city needs it.

Thank you,
Sophia Andary [Pronouns: She/Her/Hers]
Commissioner*
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*Speaking in my personal capacity as a Commissioner, not on behalf of the Commission as a whole.