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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

Given all that we are witnessing and experiencing as women – not just around the globe but here in the U.S. – seeing how we are once again being trivialized, experiencing our loss freedoms, forced out of our jobs, blamed for all sorts of things – San Francisco has stood out as a safe haven for us. We have not suffered the horrors that are happening all around us. And that is not something we take for granted.

But now – under the aegis of being parsimonious and an attempt at frugality masques as efficiency – the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women – as a standalone body fighting for all of us – is going to disappear – it's going to be melded into the vast and ambiguous Agency on Human Rights. Such a move deprives the organization of its clear mission statement and the path forward creating opportunities and protecting women. Such a move mirrors the disenfranchisement women are going through now. Such a move puts San Francisco in the same boat as the rest of the country. Instead of leading the way – we become just followers.

This is not who we are. 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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