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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I'm writing to express strong support for keeping the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women as an independent body with full governance authority.

Reducing it to an advisory committee would take away its power and silence community voices. It would also undermine the Commission's ability to advocate effectively for women, girls, and gender-expansive people, especially at a time when those voices are still fighting for safety, equity, and representation.

I also strongly oppose the proposal to give the Mayor unchecked power to appoint and remove commissioners without cause or oversight. This move would weaken public accountability and open the door to political interference.

San Francisco has led the way in equity by creating one of the first commissions of its kind. The current Commission reflects the city's diversity, with members from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. That representation matters, and it must be protected.

I urge the Task Force to maintain the Commission's full governance authority, its independent voice, and its hiring and firing authority. These are essential to ensuring public trust and real democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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