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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

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

We urge you to **protect the power and purpose** of the **Commission on the Status of Women**. This body must remain a **Governance Commission**—not a symbolic advisory committee with no authority. Women and gender justice advocates have fought too hard for representation and accountability to see that power stripped away.

We also **strongly oppose** any proposal giving the **Mayor sole authority** to appoint and remove commissioners without oversight. That move silences community voices and undermines the very principles of equity, transparency, and democracy that this commission was created to uphold.

This commission exists because women organized, demanded change, and built structures for accountability. Weakening it would be a step backward for gender justice in San Francisco.

I ask you to **stand with women, stand with the community, and keep this a true Governance Commission**.

Thank you for your consideration.

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