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U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

U.S. Representative Ayanna Pressley
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U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar
United States House of Representatives
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U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Omar, Pressley and Tlaib,

As organizations that have been fighting for decades for the rights and dignity of women, people of color, immigrants, young people, LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities, workers and people living at these intersections, who too often face discrimination, oppression, violence and hate, we thank you for the strength and courage you have shown in the face of shameful racist attacks by President Trump and his allies. We recognize the assaults on you as an affront to our country's most fundamental values and applaud you for standing strong against such ugly, inexcusable sexism, racism, xenophobia and anti-Muslim bigotry. Nobody should have to face the kind of vicious white supremacist attacks that now regularly spew from the White House.

We recognize the history of women of color members of Congress who for decades have endured racist comments and actions as they have fought to represent their communities and bring new voices into Congress. We stand with them as we stand with you.

Your leadership is essential to achieving the just and equitable world we all seek. We are deeply grateful for your service, courage and commitment to representing your constituents and for giving voice to those who too often are unseen and unheard. We know that your constituents elected you not just because you are supremely qualified, but also because you share their life experiences and understand their struggles – which is what democracy is about. Like them, we appreciate your willingness to take on the toughest battles, from speaking truth about the human rights violations our country is committing against asylum-seekers, to fighting for women's health care, to challenging unfair wages and working conditions, to demanding clean air and water and a toxin-free environment for our children.

We stand with you at this critical moment and will not be derailed in our quest for liberty, equality, and justice. We will continue using our collective reach and power to defend and support each of you as you continue your vitally important public service.

With deep and lasting gratitude,

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Global Justice Center
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The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
MomsRising
Movement Advancement Project
Muslim Advocates
NAACP
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Center for Transgender Equity
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Institute for Reproductive Health (NIRH)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Network of Abortion Funds
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Health Network
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People for the American Way Foundation
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
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Sikh Coalition
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Women's Law Project
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