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Mayor Bill de Blasio
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Dear Mayor de Blasio,

In the wake of the recent national tidal wave of disturbing revelations concerning the treatment of women in the workplace, I am writing to request that you make a statement on behalf of the City of New York's support for gender equality by allowing the *Fearless Girl* statue, in front of the *Charging Bull* in Bowling Green Park, to remain right where it is until an Equal Rights Amendment is ratified as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing equal rights for women.

From the moment of its appearance, this statue became a powerful symbol for women. Tourists from all over the country and around the globe flock to the statue, which speaks to a fundamental longing for greater opportunity and full equality for women. *Fearless Girl* embodies strength, courage, and determination even in the face of adversity. She serves as an affirming message to women to stand their ground. And she is a reminder that women still do not have equal rights, and it is a goal we must keep fighting for.

Symbols like the *Fearless Girl Statue* play an important role in the public square. They reflect what we place value on as a society. They influence public opinion and inform our understanding of history. *Fearless Girl* is a statement about how far women still need to go to achieve equality. By linking the statue to the Equal Right Amendment, you would be sending a very strong message about the need to add equal rights for women to the Constitution. Her presence would act as a constant reminder of what we need to achieve.

As we approach the 100th anniversary New York of suffrage for women in New York, we are reminded of our state's long tradition of valuing women's rights and serving as a leader for social change for the entire country. We were the state that hosted the great Seneca Falls Convention that first called for women's suffrage. We were the only Northeastern state to grant women full voting rights before the ratification of the 19th Amendment. And we should be the state that hosts a symbol of the need for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women equal rights. Accordingly, I urge you to keep the statue until we have an ERA.

Very truly yours,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress