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Members of the Task Force on Government Restructuring
C/O Leslie Porter, Legislative Council Service
State Capitol
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Re: Recommendations on the NM Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Task Force Members:

As some of you may know, my parents Bruce and Alice King, worked to establish and remained committed to the NM Commission on the Status of Women through out their lives. During the Commission's 37 years it has provided services and made life altering differences in the lives of countless girls and women in New Mexico.

I appreciate the difficult job the Task Force has in making recommendations for a more efficient operation, however the Commission's mission is unique and although New Mexico has elected its first female Governor, women have not reached parity. The Commission's expertise and specifically tailored services to displaced homemakers and disadvantaged girls would very likely cease to exist. The average clients are women living below the poverty level between the ages of 30 years to 60 years.

It is my understanding that no other state, county or local government provides these gender-specific services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary King".

Gary King
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