

CONCERNED
WOMEN *for* AMERICA
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

January 4, 2021

The Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, and Members of the 117th Congress,

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of supporters of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC), many of them mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, and grandmothers, we want to express our outrage at the direct and targeted assault on womanhood we are seeing from the 117th Congress on its first official day of business.

The rules package being considered at this very moment is not what it purports to be. It is a policy statement pushing a radical liberal agenda that will harm women specifically in ways unimaginable. It should be rejected. Americans do not want this. Women, Republican or Democrat, stand against the unnecessary erasing of our value and contributions as females.

As women, we are proud of who we are and embrace the critical roles we play in our society. No culture could survive without our notable contributions. Erasing references to mothers and wives, for example, is incredibly offensive. These radical efforts do not promote “inclusion and diversity,” they demean and degrade these most essential societal roles, uniquely and naturally designed for women.

In addition to this “diversity and inclusion” agenda, the House Rules of the 117th Congress also propose to perpetuate remote representation and suppress the voice of the minority party. What is the majority party telling the American people in these new rules? That the 117th Congress should be more absorbed with radicalism than representing hard-working Americans.

These rules are an affront to tax-paying Americans who expect their members of Congress to show up for work and focus on real problems, not identity politics. With the margin for the majority countable on one hand, the role of the minority party should be respected more than ever. Instead, the 117th Congress Rules package seeks to suppress the minority voice by abolishing one of its most effective tools, the traditional motion to recommit.

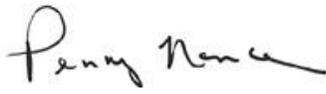
Unprecedented in the history of a U.S. House of Representatives, this organizing resolution imposes adherence to an ideological agenda around sexuality and gender to dictate committee oversight plans, hearing witnesses and pronoun usage that deny the facts of biological reality and upend traditional, foundational principles of sexuality and family relationship. No longer are family members rightly identified according to their familial status as fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers. Instead these terms are stripped and neutered, erasing the very identities that most people embrace as an integral part of their identity.

This resolution is not about effectively organizing the operations of the new Congress, it is about imposing an ideological agenda that undermines the traditional values of the American people, especially people of faith.

The effects of this policy push were seen right from the start when Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) thought it would be “inclusive” to end Congress’ opening prayer with “Amen and Awoman.” Such lunacy is the natural fruit of the misguided efforts encapsulated in these rules to try to impose radical views in Congress and our culture.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you oppose these changes. **CWALAC will score against a Yes vote on the final 117th Congress Rules resolution and include this vote on our annual scorecard.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Nance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Young Nance
CEO and President