A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

I'm thrilled to welcome you to NWLC’s first-ever virtual gala. Normally we’d be in a big room together in D.C., greeting old friends and making new ones and celebrating the victories we’ve achieved together.

But of course, nothing this year is normal.

The last nine months have brought us some of the most trying times in our country’s history. The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the inequalities baked into so many of our nation’s laws and policies. Women, especially women of color, have shouldered the heaviest burdens—over-represented in front-line jobs, struggling to find and afford child care and juggling remote school, and leaving the workforce in disproportionate numbers as businesses close or caretaking responsibilities become too great. All while Senate leadership focused on confirming extremist judges instead of providing help to the millions of families suffering around the country.

And then there’s the outgoing Trump administration, which has spent four years trying to gut our fundamental rights—from the right to learn safely and the right to be paid equally to the right to access abortion care or receive medical care without discrimination. This is the same administration whose only response to a nationwide reckoning with police violence and systemic racism was to incite further violence.

Our losses, too, have been heartbreaking. From family and community members to legends like Congressman John Lewis and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, it has all been too much.

Yet even among the losses, there have been real wins for women and families this year too. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act passed the House of the Representatives for the first time, with overwhelming bipartisan support. We fought hard, all the way to the Supreme Court, to protect our access to birth control and abortion. We’re taking Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education to court over their dangerous Title IX rules. This year, we launched groundbreaking initiatives guided by those closest to these respective issues: Brick by Brick, an LGBTQ advocacy curriculum, and the Survivors’ Agenda and Summit, which we co-led with three partners this year to ensure survivors are shaping the national conversation on sexual violence.

And, of course, we’re still celebrating Kamala Harris, the first woman to be elected vice president, and the first Black and South Asian person. Fifty-five years after the Voting Rights Act, 100 years after the 19th amendment, and 150 years after the 15th amendment, this country has redefined what is possible for women of color.

This year, we have fought hard and strategically—as the Law Center has done throughout our history, innovating and adapting like never before. During tonight’s program, you’ll hear about some of that creative and groundbreaking work from activists, advocates, influencers, and elected officials like Senators Cory Booker and Mazie Hirono, who have been key partners in the fight for gender justice.

And even our being together tonight on screens is its own innovation—allowing more of us to celebrate together than the gala ballroom could traditionally hold. As you read this at home, I hope tonight helps you feel even more connected to this incredible movement of justice seekers, truth tellers, disruptors, and gender justice champions. And if you’re new to the National Women’s Law Center family, I especially want to welcome you and invite you to join us for what Rep. John Lewis called good trouble by signing up for our email list and learning more about our work on our website.

While the road to get to this moment has been long, the road ahead is much brighter. The future we deserve is closer than ever.

With you by our side, we’ve got this.

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