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NOW-NYC Calls on Wal-Mart to Stop Discrimination Against Women Employees

NOW-NYC President Jane Manning:

When you cheat a woman of opportunity and fair pay, you cheat her children too. So shame on Wal-mart, and shame on five right wing activist judges who put their thumbs on the scale for a big business that doesn't give women a fair chance.

This ruling says that a woman has to stand alone, instead of letting women stand together, against sex discrimination by Wal-Mart.

Well, we're standing together with Betty Dukes and the other brave plaintiffs of *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*. We call on Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, we call on Wal-Mart to stop blocking its workers efforts to unionize, and we call on customers to make your views known – we want to shop at a store where women are equals in the workplace.

NOW-NYC Executive Director Sonia Ossorio:

We applaud the brave women who are demanding equal pay and equal access to promotions at Wal-Mart. They shined a light on how Wal-Mart is cheating a million women and American families.

The National Organization for Women has stood strong with the plaintiffs in this case and we will remain by their side. NOW dubbed Wal-Mart "A Merchant of Shame" a decade ago – we are deeply disappointing that the Supreme Court has sent a message that women must stand alone, instead of fighting this shameful discrimination together.

This ruling is a blow to working women and their families. But, the fight for pay equality at Wal-Mart and in the US workforce is far from over. The future of our country depends on it.

We call on federal, state, NYC elected officials, and voters to: fight for and pass fair pay legislation.

It shouldn't take the Supreme Court to make Wal-Mart do the right thing.

The National Organization for Women is the nation's largest organization working to advance women's rights and improve women's lives. The New York City Chapter of NOW, founded in 1966, is the largest chapter in the country with 5,000 members locally and 35,000 statewide. NOW-NYC works to promote women's reproductive rights, secure women's economic empowerment, and end violence and discrimination against women.

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