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Dear Ms. Whitbeck,

Across the country—from local jurisdictions to the halls of Congress—an unprecedented number of women are organizing, running for office, challenging the status quo, and taking their rightful place in our government.

Not surprisingly, Wellesley women are at the forefront of this movement. Recently highlighted in the winter issue of Wellesley magazine, seven of our fellow alumnae were newly sworn in as elected government officials this past January. Many of these women, spanning generations, are the first women to hold those offices in their districts. Having worked in the public sector in Washington D.C. for several decades myself, I have been so proud to watch my Wellesley sibs usher in change and achieve groundbreaking victories for themselves and for us all.

Wellesley has long led the effort to empower women through education and leadership. Thanks to the generous support of the alumnae community, we will continue to help students achieve their ambitious dreams. As we know from our own years on campus, Wellesley women study liberal arts infused with real-world debate and grounded in the value of service. Whenever I meet Wellesley students and graduates, I feel that they are leaders people will want to follow because of their intelligence and humanity, and the joy they get from contributing.

As I look ahead to the challenges that face us, I am reminded that when we support women, we move the world forward. Please join me in making a gift to our alma mater today in support of educating the next generation of women leaders and change makers. Together, we will send a message that a Wellesley education offers so much more than a diploma. It gives students a foundation of knowledge, a launching point for success, and a powerful lifelong community.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Hayes ’75
Member, WCAA Board of Directors

P.S. All gifts to The Wellesley Fund will have an immediate impact on campus this semester. Your gift will be put right to work to empower and prepare young women for leadership.