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Respected Members of the
SGPC Committee on Women's Seva,

Regarding the issue of women doing Kar seva at the Golden Temple, we whole-heartedly support women having the same right to practice the Sikh religion as men. In 1996, a Hukamnama was issued by the Akal Takhat Sahib. This sacred Hukamnama should be respected and followed by every Sikh. On this point there can be no discussion.

Guru Nanak Dev ji taught that there is no gender discrimination between Khalsa men and women. Women have equal opportunity to worship and practice the religion without fighting cast or gender discrimination. The Sikh religion is the only religion where women enjoy their God given status. When Guru Gobind Singh gave the Amrit ceremony, he took Sikh religion out of the cast system and gave men and women the right to worship equally. It is very sad to see how Sikh women are discriminated against by a few misguided men who are controlling the situation. These are the feelings of our Khalsa women which I am bringing to your attention, so that the Women Seva Committee can resolve the situation in an unbiased way.

There's only one and one religion where Khalsa has no gender. It's a totally Muslim tradition not to allow women any rights, participation or property or children and only saying three times "I divorce you, I divorce you, I divorce you" and it's done. It's the only religion where even today the women are circumcized.

It was a Hindu tradition that woman was respected. There are Gods and Goddesses but man was not limited as to how many wives he can have.

After researching the entire mankind Guru Gobind Singh set the tradition that there is no difference of gender between a Khalsa man and Khalsa woman. But right now women are being blackmailed, insulted, disgraced by challenging her identity, personality, and her existence. It's the first priority of every Khalsa woman to rise for her rights. The best way is that they have 33% reservation but on other seats they should fight to the maximum and take charge of Guru's house.

It's now or never. It's a question of life and death. If we do not rise up now and remain true to our tradition we shall be insulted in the eyes of the world. Let every woman of Punjab who is true to the Guru rise up and get her rights in a democratic way. Forget about politics and politicians. Remember, you are no less than daughters of Guru Gobind Singh and no sacrifice should be denied to rise for your rights. Let us see how long these macho men who are forcing things against Guru's tradition can last. Let us get our scene together and live to the Guru's expectations. Come what may your future generations will never forgive you if you'll not rise like the wind and blow away these macho men who have forgotten Guru and have made a monopoly to occupy Guru's house. Let us free ourselves from these shackles and stand solidly like invincible. Remember Mata Bhago and do not stop until the victory is achieved.

With respectful regards,
Humbly yours,

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