Enough is enough!

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The National Organization for Women (NOW) was formed to protect women's rights, encourage activism, and provide a venue for women to speak out; however, we believe there's a difference between speaking out and insulting others.

On April 27, 2023, Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene had the audacity to use her voice as an elected official to accuse women who've adopted children of not being real mothers. Ms. Greene's statement was so appalling that California NOW felt a need not only to bring this outrageous expression to the attention of our membership but also to speak out against Greene's actions and disturbing words.

Greene addressed this comment to Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers, at the House Select Subcommittee on the Corona Virus Pandemic. When asked by Congresswoman Greene if she was a mother, Ms. Weingarten responded, "I am a mother by marriage." After that statement, Greene countered with, "The problem with people like you is that you're a political activist—not a teacher, **not a mother**, and not a medical doctor!" [1]

Congresswoman Greene is an elected official and because she is a representative of our nation, we believe it is important that she be respectful of others and not berate them because she disagrees with them. For her to speak this way, we believe, is unacceptable and disrespectful.

White women had to wait until 1920 for voter rights, and it wasn't until 1964 that all females, including women of color, could vote. It is vital that Greene

understand that she was able to be elected to Congress because of what women before her accomplished and the suffering they went through to gain the rights we do have. Unfortunately, many are trying to take those rights, which include choice, away. Her words and behavior are an insult to all women and mothers.

Since Ms. Greene is not representing the nation or women properly, we demand that she apologize to Ms. Weingarten and then step down to give more inclusive people a chance to represent her state.

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