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The White House
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Dear Mr. Obama:

I am writing to you today about your solutions regarding pay discrimination for women. I know this issue is one that already holds your utmost attention based on the actions you have taken to find a solution over the last couple years. It is crucial to find a permanent solution to this topic in order to create equality for everyone and better our society.

Despite the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, pay discrimination against women is still a prominent issue worldwide. As you said in your State of the Union address, "On average, full-time working women earn just 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. The pay gap is even greater for African-American and Latina women, with African-American women earning 64 cents and Latina women earning 56 cents for every dollar earned by a Caucasian man." In time, this shortage of pay for equal working hours results in lower-class families. According to Brookings Institute, in 1950, 6.3 percent of children lived with a single mother. By 2010, 23.9 percent of children lived with a single mother. As these numbers rise, it is more common for children to live in this family type, one that is four times as likely to be poor. Pay discrimination is directly affecting families run by single mothers, making those households most likely to be living under the poverty line.

Because of the prominence of this issue, many would agree it must be dealt with immediately. Even though you have clearly taken many actions in fighting pay discrimination, I hope you take the solution one step further. I believe on top of creating acts to fix the issue, you should campaign to make equal pay for women an amendment on the constitution. By doing this, you would be preventing this issue from ever arising again in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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