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WOMEN UNITING CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT OUR SEX-BASED RIGHTS

Sunday 8th March 2020, International Women's Day, UK

Over the past few months, women from many political parties have launched petitions in support of the sex-based rights of women and girls.

Those parties included Labour, the SNP, Greens, Liberal Democrats, Conservatives, and the Women's Equality Party.

The petitions have received thousands of signatures, from party members, office holders, and representatives, as well as the general public.

Today we launch our cross party petition, by women, for women, **Women Uniting UK**.

Via our petition, we are asking some very specific questions of the Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Minister for Women and Equalities;

We call upon the government, specifically the Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Minister for Women and Equalities, to commit to the following:

Clarify and further enshrine in law the legal definitions of 'Woman' and 'Sex' in order to make current legislation clear and unambiguous and ensure data used to inform government policy is correctly recorded.

Publish guidance explaining and enforcing the single sex exemptions in the Equality Act 2010. A new statutory Code of Practice must help everyone be clear on what “single sex” means, as recommended by the Women and Equalities Select Committee in July 2019.

Ensure all new laws, amendments, and policies are assessed for their impact on 51% of the population, women and girls.

We are not asking for new rights, we are not asking for extra rights; we are asking that the rights we already have in law are clarified and upheld.

<https://www.change.org/WomenUnitingUKProtectOurSexBasedRights>