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These last few weeks have been a celebration of women—from cheering on Team USA to supporting Kamala Harris. As my mother, Governor Ann Richards, would say: “I hear America singing!”

When women are free to make our own decisions and follow our dreams, we are unstoppable. But when *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, a generation of young people lost that freedom. Like Ashley, a 12-year-old rape survivor in Mississippi. Because of her state’s abortion ban, she started seventh grade with a newborn. That’s the Republican promise of “states’ rights.”

Last year, I became a grandmother. During my daughter’s pregnancy, nothing mattered more to me than her health. Politics should never stand in the way of anyone’s care—or prevent any family from experiencing the joy my grandson, Teddy, has brought to our lives.

One day our grandchildren may ask us: when it was all on the line, what did you do? The only acceptable answer is: everything we could.

This is our time.

So let’s go elect Kamala Harris and Tim Walz!

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