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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
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I'm Gretchen Whitmer. In Lansing, they call me "Governor." In Detroit, I'm "Big Gretch." Donald Trump called me "that woman from Michigan" as an insult. But being a woman from Michigan is a badge of honor. Like women across America, we just G.S.D.—Get. Stuff. Done!

At 29, I joined the Sandwich Generation—sandwiched between working and raising my newborn and caring for my mom, who was dying from brain cancer. It was hard but not extraordinary—it's life. Those nights reminded me who I was fighting for—people just trying to make it.

Kamala Harris knows who she's fighting for too. She took care of her mom who also battled cancer. As President, she'll fight to lower the cost of health care and elder care for every family.

She's lived a life like ours. She knows us. Donald Trump doesn't know you. At all.

You think he understands that when your car breaks down you can't get to work? No! His first word was probably "chauffeur." You think he's ever had to take items out of the cart before checking out? Hell, you think he's even been to a grocery store? That's what the chauffeur is for!

But Kamala Harris, she gets us. She sees us. She is us.

Look, we've all lived through a lot of history over the past few years. Floods and fires. An attempted coup, a plot, and a pandemic. It's exhausting.

We don't know what the next four years will bring. But we do know this—through it all, your life won't stop. You're gonna have to get to work, pick up the kids, and pay your bills. Then one day, when you're just trying to get everyone out the door a news alert goes off. Something happened. Something hit the fan.

You'll ask, "Is my family gonna be okay?" And then you'll ask, "Who the hell is in charge?" What if it's him? What if it's "that man from Mar-a-Lago?"

I know, in a crisis we need someone strong enough to come up with a plan, to tell the truth, and to bring people together.

Right now—before the crisis—is when we get to choose. Why wouldn't we choose the leader who's tough, tested, and a total badass?

I know who I want as our commander in chief. America, let's choose Kamala Harris!

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