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Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 12:07 PM

Good Day Nichols Family,

Troubled by the recent political climate of our country, I did something writing hoping that it would provide some sort of relief. I would like to share it with you. My apologies if anyone feels as if I have imposed on their political beliefs.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

To My Future Granddaughters,

I am hoping that by the time you are seriously being considered or at the very least by the time you are old enough to read this and understand, this moment of which I speak will be nothing more than a glitch in our country's history, a momentary lack of moral judgment. But I fear you will have a fight on your hands to regain the rights I had been granted. Yes, I fear that for all the forward progress we have made for women's rights, we have somehow allowed for those same rights to be threatened or flat out revoked.

Somehow, and I do speak with a voice of uncertainty as I did not vote for our current president nor do I stand in favor of the man who was recently voted to sit on the Supreme Court -a position, I might add, that has the potential of lasting through the birth of your own daughter- somehow our country seems to be willing, ready, and able to cast a shadow on what it has meant to be a woman in this country. To negate and mock the pain of a woman's violation undermines the liberties and justice of being American. To overlook not one, not two, but the voices of many women who were allegedly, and yes here I will acknowledge the right to be deemed innocent until proven guilty, sexually assaulted by a man who will now make choices for you is unsettling. Shouldn't it be enough to question the integrity of someone when such allegations are made against them so many times? To contradict the initial acknowledgment of the victim's voice as being believable with the cruel and immature mockery of her testimony is simply sickening.

And yet, it is with these misgivings my heart is heavily weighed. And I do apologize, not because I failed to vote but because I couldn't vote loud enough. How did these things come to pass? I can only speculate. Our last president had skin that matched yours. In the White House lived a family that your great-great-grandmother never thought she would live to see. And though many may question some of his politics, not once could they challenge his integrity as a man, a father, a husband. We watched as he openly and genuinely loved and protected his wife as he held her hand, walked beside her, opened her car door, moved to allow her to enter a building before him. As a country, we bared witness to what being a man was about. One of the most powerful men in the world demonstrated that strength comes not only from one's self but also from the one who stands beside you. But his skin held more pigmentation, and unfortunately, we have individuals who cannot, have not taken heed of Dr. King's words that you judge a man by the content of his character and not the color of his skin.

And so they ran to the one who reminded them more of themselves. Ignoring that outside of the color of their skin, they had less in common with the new president than they did with his predecessor. They ran to a man who does not respect his own daughter, his flesh and blood, referring to her as a fine piece of ass. Is

that how they think of their own daughters? Mothers? Wives? And yet they voted for him. They put into office a man who himself has been accused of the very thing our new Supreme Court Justice was accused. They put into office a man whose own wife refused to hold his hand.

We have women who seemed to have forgotten the daily struggles of being female in America. Because there are some women out there who seem to believe that they are not part of "Me Too," at least until they have to live that moment which made the movement necessary in the first place. Because they have forgotten that as mothers it is our responsibility to protect our daughters above all else. Because they fail to recognize that they too are being assaulted when their vote is taken and then used in a manner that does not acknowledge nor support the rights and liberties of being a woman. Because there are some women out there who have found themselves in a place of power, but now that they too can wear pants in the Senate have forgotten who got them there in the first place. It seems that my generation was selfish in thinking, neglecting to remember that we are responsible for leaving a legacy for our future.

That's not entirely true. Those who do not have your best interest at heart have left a legacy. Their sons and grandsons will be grateful.

But why you ask? Again I speculate. They fear you. And here I speak to all daughters, regardless of race. They fear your strength and your compassion. They fear your power and your brilliance. History has demonstrated that those in power will do anything they can to retain control. We see that today.

I can only pray that you will find the strength to continue the fight for we have not stopped fighting despite the setbacks. We will find our way back. We always do. It is the many strengths of being a woman. Regardless of how long or how hard the struggle, don't let anyone undermine your strength, your beauty, your intelligence. Don't forget the power of being woman.

Loving you fiercely,

Your Anticipated Grandmother

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Thank you for sharing this Brigette!

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings, Ms. Evans. This is a very sad and scary time for women. I keep thinking this is a sick joke, but really, I know better.

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For these are all our children. We will all profit by, or pay for, whatever they become.

James A. Baldwin

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Thank you

On Mon, Oct 8, 2018 at 12:07 PM Brigette Evans <evansb@district65.net> wrote:

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"Every Child, EveryDay, Whatever it Takes"

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WOW just WOW your words really made me feel scared for my child's future and I have been worried since the day he was elected president everything you said in this letter which is written perfectly sits heavily on my mind. thank you for sharing!

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"Every child, Every day, Whatever it takes"
"Cada niño, cada día, lo que sea necesario"

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