

October 24, 2016

Mr. Mike Davis Executive Director/CEO United States Golf Association P.O. Box 708 Far Hills, NJ 07931

Dear Executive Director Davis,

We write concerning the 2017 U.S. Women's Open that is scheduled to be played at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey.

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) has a long, proud history of advancing women's equality. Beginning with its founding by 13 women in 1950, the LPGA has helped young women throughout the world realize their dreams and partake in a sport which had previously discouraged their participation. The fact that women's professional golf has continued to thrive following the financial difficulties of the Great Recession is further testament to the important role it has played in the lives of women and our society more broadly.

That is why as you prepare for women's professional golf's showcase event, the 2017 U.S. Women's Open, we encourage you to move the event from Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey. As you know, a 2005 recording of Mr. Trump has recently revealed him bragging about sexually assaulting women, and boasting about getting away with it. In the subsequent days since the tape's release, a dozen women have come forward to report unwanted sexual advances by Mr. Trump. This is about more than one video: it's about a pattern of degrading and dehumanizing women that has occurred over decades.

Recently, the LPGA Commissioner, Mike Whan, has said that the United States Golf Association (USGA) would decide the future location of 2017 U.S. Women's Open. Given the historic role that the LPGA has played in advancing the rights of women, and the severity of Mr. Trump's words and actions over many years, we would encourage you to move the 2017 tournament to a course that isn't associated with Mr. Trump. We would also strongly recommend that the USGA seriously consider suspending further events at Trump properties.

The decision that the USGA makes is more consequential than simply the geographic location of a golf tournament. In declining future association with a brand that degrades women, the USGA and LPGA have an opportunity to make clear to the world, and most especially young Americans, that our nation will not tolerate nor do business with anyone or any company that condones or excuses action that constitutes sexual assault.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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