

Washington, D.C. – Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Congressman Elijah Cummings and Congresswoman Diana DeGette released the following statement on [the vicious and inappropriate attacks](#) leveled on Ms. Sandra Fluke today. Last week, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee held a hearing on the issue of women's health, hearing testimony from Ms. Fluke, a third-year law student at Georgetown University.

“When [Sandra Fluke testified](#) before the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee [after Republicans attempted to silence her](#), she courageously spoke truth to power. As a result, today, she has been subject to attacks that are outside the circle of civilized discussion and that unmask the strong disrespect for women held by some in this country. We call upon the Republican leaders in the House to condemn these vicious attacks on Ms. Fluke, which are in response to her testimony to the Congress. Democrats will always stand up for women's health and women's voices.”