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Dear Mr. Burnett:

The ugly truth about Donald Trump is finally coming to light. The release of the Access Hollywood tape shocked voters by revealing what Donald Trump really thinks about women, and his pride in using his celebrity as a blank check for sexual assault. Now, the election may turn on what further evidence exists of Donald Trump's hate speech, rampant misogyny, or wrongdoing.

As president of MGM Television, you have that evidence, and releasing it is your civic duty. Donald Trump has made a campaign issue of his attitudes about women and people of color by his own statements and policy proposals. Voters have a compelling need to view and hear what this man says about those issues behind the scenes.

In eleven years of hosting *The Apprentice*, Donald Trump traded on his narcissism and his bullying approach to leadership. The show fed his gargantuan ego and wakened his basest impulses. What Donald Trump said behind the closed doors of his reality TV show boardroom is directly relevant to the decision U.S. voters are about to make as an electorate. How he treated women, how he spoke about women, how he expected his employees and acolytes to regard women speaks not only to his character, but to his ability to lead a nation and command a government.

The compelling public interest overrides any confidentiality clauses MGM, Burnett Production Co., or you personally may be hiding behind. Those clauses are not intended to shield a presidential candidate from scrutiny that he himself has invited by making his racism, xenophobia and misogyny a campaign issue.

Mr. Burnett, history can turn on a single act, one decision to do the right thing. You have an obligation to take that step today.

We also call on you not to implement your reported threat to fine or otherwise penalize any employee for leaking any tape that reveals Trump as he really is. Any leaker would be a whistleblower—entitled to the eternal gratitude of the people of our country, not punishment, for helping to get the truth out *before* Election Day about this man's character, principles, morals -- or lack thereof.

Sincerely,

Terry O'Neill, President, National Organization for Women

Eleanor Smeal, President, Feminist Majority

Jerilyn Stapleton, President, California National Organization for Women

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