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I was very disappointed to hear that Miss Pennsylvania was reported to have sent an e-mail disapproving of the elimination of the naturally born female requirement in the Miss Universe - Miss U.S.A. competition.

I was disqualified from the Miss Universe - Miss Canada Pageant this year because of the rule. After Ms. Allred and I announced we would protest it, the Miss Universe Pageant eliminated the rule for the United States and Canada, and I was allowed to compete.

It was very upsetting to me to be disqualified for that reason.

I was very happy when I won the right to compete.

Although I did not win the title of Miss Universe -Canada I was selected for the top 12 ranking and tied for Miss Congeniality.

Since it appears that Miss Pennsylvania does not think that I should have had the right to compete and that others like me should be excluded, I think that she has done the citizens of Pennsylvania a favor by dropping out.

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