

Dear Friends,

I'm back very recently from meetings in Brussels and London and **we are not alone!** The growing resistance to Trump's actions to undermine women, including by censoring abortion-related speech globally, **is real and growing.**

I am convinced that the Trump debacle has opened up unforeseen opportunities to make **radical advances to improve the rule of law, including women's rights.**



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Last Wednesday, the Trump-like, right-wing candidate for Prime Minister was defeated in the Netherlands, where **82 percent** of the eligible-voters-turned out to vote - the highest number in over thirty years!

Our Dutch European Parliament partners told us this would happen because the Dutch people did not want to risk a Dutch Trump clone.



GJC with EU Parliamentarians

I was **invited** to meet with EU officials to discuss ways the EU could fight the US abortion restrictions. I presented at a parliamentary briefing and we equipped European policy makers with **charts** and **memos** on the likely impact of the restrictions on EU humanitarian aid.

The **She Decides** campaign, created by EU member states to provide financial support in response to Trump's Gag Rule, was announced just **two days** after Trump signed his order. This **did not** happen when Reagan first imposed the Gag Rule in 1984.

This is 2017, not 1973 (Helms) nor 1984 (Gag Rule). The world has changed. Over the last thirty years I have seen the increased power of global civil society, advances in the enforcement of international law, Security Council Resolutions on women and international law, and global norm changes on women's rights.

The groundswell of civil society activism must be leveraged to **advance women's rights and the rule of law**. We must not forge weak, compromised policies in reaction to Trump. **We must push for radical change.**

Hard times need hard law. That is why we here at GJC feel excited and needed. **[Please stand with us and support GJC with your donation today.](#)**

With hope and determination,



Janet Benshoof

President and Founder

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