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## FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST WOMEN'S TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### Jurisdiction:

Women's Transit Authority receives funding from the Wisconsin Student Association, and therefore is subject to the rules set down in the constitution of WSA. The WSA Student Court has jurisdiction on issues pertaining to alleged violations of the WSA constitution by student groups receiving WSA funding.

### Facts:

1. WTA does not allow men to serve in key positions in their organization on the basis that they are men.
2. WTA likewise does not provide rides or other service to men, regardless of the situation.
3. (1 and 2 above) are part of the established and long-standing policy of WTA.
4. Article III of the WSA constitution explicitly forbids discrimination by groups supported by WSA on the basis of gender.
5. WTA is currently a recipient of WSA funding.
6. There exist literally hundreds of rape prevention walk and ride services in the country and in Wisconsin—run by men and women and serving men and women.

Claims:

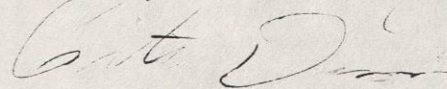
1. WTA practices gender discrimination against men in its organization and service.
2. This practice is explicitly forbidden by the WSA constitution.
3. WTA may not legally be allowed support by WTA by virtue of the WSA constitution, and WTA's continued violation of the gender discrimination restrictions stated in Article III.
4. Any case alleging a business necessity for such discrimination is contradictory to the established fact that hundreds of services similar to WTA exist in the United States without practicing gender discrimination.

Remedy:

I hereby request that so long as WTA continues to practice gender discrimination in its organization and services, it be denied funding by WSA. I also request that any support WSA is currently extending to WTA be revoked, effective immediately.

It is my hope that this complaint may be heard formally by the student court at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Deignan