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Mr. Michael Whan
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Dear Messrs. Davis and Whan,

We, along with the undersigned organizations, write again to urge the Ladies Professional Golf Association to move the 2017 U.S. Women's Open from Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey. Along with the undersigned organizations, 109,000 people have now signed onto the following statement:

"Dump Trump! A racist, sexist abuser should not host the most prestigious women's golf tournament in America."

Given that golf has a damning history of racism, sexism, and discrimination against people with disabilities, it is utterly offensive that the LPGA would host a tournament on Trump National and give millions in revenue, free advertising, and good branding to Mr. Trump.

Mr. Trump ran a presidential campaign on unabashed sexism, racism, and ableism. He is a serial sexual abuser who has bragged about his crimes, mocked a disabled man on national television, and largely won his bid for presidency on anti-immigrant sentiment. Mere weeks into his presidency, Mr. Trump touts a discriminatory Muslim ban and the systematic targeting of Black and brown immigrants as part of his policy accomplishments.

The LPGA's association with Mr. Trump isn't just several steps backward from its progress to be a more inclusive sport--it is a tacit endorsement of the bigotry with which Mr. Trump has characterized his presidency and public persona.

We would like to remind you of golf's history of discriminatory treatment of women, people of color, and people with disabilities: the PGA had previously refused to admit women, banned "non-Caucasian" men until caving under economic pressure in 1961, and litigated Casey Martin's right to use a cart due to a complication impacting his leg.



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Given this sport's history of egregious discrimination and the LPGA's efforts to support women golfers in the face of it, we encourage you to immediately solve this problem. Being associated with Mr. Trump's misogyny and racism will damage the LPGA's as well as its numerous sponsors' reputation.

We urge you, Mr. Whan, to stand up for your players, and not simply defer consideration to the USGA. We urge the LPGA's corporate sponsors to withdraw their sponsorship as long as the LPGA remains associated with Mr. Trump. We also join Sens. Blumenthal, Casey, and Markey and urge you, Mr. Davis, to dissolve your partnership with Donald Trump. Choose another course for this prestigious event, and in doing so, choose a positive message.

Please find attached the signatures of 109,000 UltraViolet members across the country. We expect you are also aware of the protests UltraViolet members have begun leading, in addition to more planned activities in the upcoming U.S.-based tournaments. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely, □

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UltraViolet

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