Letter from an English Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Mrs. Ferraro,

First may I say how sorry I am to see the press interest and public interference in you and your husbands private business affairs. I hope that things work out well for you in the end.

I also wanted to tell you what a magnificent job I think you are doing, and that I think you are the most successful, charismatic, sincere, honest, open and warm political candidate I have ever seen and although I must admit to not following politics in America too closely, out of any T.V. interview, newspaper interview or whatever that I have ever seen, you come across with more force than anyone. (Mind you, I am too young to remember Richard Nixon, although I hear there were a couple of days when his impact was pretty forceful too..)

However, please let me say that I think there lie the reasons why certain (male) outside parties have taken such "interest" in your private affairs. Not a heavy feminist, I do believe however that you had a gender - how shall I term this - "problem?" there. It is a shame to think that the opposing party just could not, honestly, cope with an exciting, strong, intelligent, clever and successful challenge such as yourself. Perhaps you were too successful, too good at what you were doing, and well, I suppose that just couldn't be allowed. Pity you weren't running here, the English male love a strong woman (reminisences of Nanny). Perhaps, it would not be too inaccurate to "imagine" that something had to "be done" about the situation. Well, I think it is an enormous shame. I hope though that from here on your political career will go from strength to strength. You are a wonderful woman, and a great encouragement for us all, and a very bright star to follow. I wish you all the best for your future, and if you and your family are ever in London, please drop by for the best pasta you will ever taste between Queens and Italy - and I'm not even Italian!

Yours sincerely,

(Age 24)
P.S. I doubt whether it has even threatened to cross your mind but, I would also like to say - "YOU MUSTN'T STOP NOW!!!"

Go ever onwards, for you will win. The American people (broadly speaking) are just going to have to get used to having a women in the White House - goddammit you can and will do it, for that's what you were born for!

TO LEAD

This was just a test - you can come through it - or anything.