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The National Border Patrol Council calls on CBP and DHS to hold its management accountable for failing to protect female agents in the workplace.

It is sad that DHS will spend millions to recruit women to our ranks and then fail to protect them when managers harass or prey upon them. No agent should ever have to choose between her career and demanding respect for the important job they are asked to do. This is yet another example of CBP saying one thing, but actually doing another.

Each year, we hear from dozens of victims of harassment who are afraid to come forward because they believe it will hurt their career. This is unacceptable.

We are the nation's first line of defense and the work we do impacts every community, from Dover, Del. to Ames, Iowa, to Tacoma, Wash. When we are successful, less violence spills over the border and into our communities. When we are successful less drugs end up on our streets and at our schools. When we are successful, our nation is safer.

Our agents, at minimum, deserve a working environment that is free from harassment. It doesn't matter whether we serve in the Rio Grande Valley or Beecher Falls, Vermont.

All agents, regardless of gender, race or sexual orientation, deserve respect. We must build a culture where that is demonstrated every day.

We stand strong against harassment of any form and demand that DHS and CBP do the same.

Sincerely,

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About the National Border Patrol Council

The National Border Patrol Council is a professional labor union representing more than 16,500 Border Patrol Agents and support staff. The NBPC was founded in 1965 and is recognized as one of the most effective labor organizations in the federal sector.