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## **1,600 Men Sign Ad Supporting Anita Hill, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford in *New York Times*; Crowdfunding Campaign Tops \$130,000+**

**Inspired by the 1600 Black Women who Supported Anita Hill  
in 1991, Leading Feminist and Racial Justice Leaders  
Available for Comment on #1600men Ahead of Testimony  
by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford**

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Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who recently accused Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh of sexual assault, is scheduled to testify before the Senate on Thursday during one of the most contentious and consequential Supreme Court confirmation hearings in decades. Dr. Ford's accusations are reminiscent of Dr. Anita Hill's accusations of sexual harassment against then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas in 1991, which became an important precursor to the #MeToo movement.

In a powerful display of solidarity during the Clarence Thomas hearings, 1,600 black women came together to place a [full-page ad](#) in the NYT to support Anita Hill. Today, 1,600 men follow in the footsteps of those courageous black women, organized by the [Phenomenal Woman Action Campaign](#) and made possible by [crowdfunding](#) over \$130,000 from supporters across the country in order to take out a full-page ad in The New York Times. The print ad is running Wednesday, September 26th with [1,600 signatures from male allies](#) who stand with Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and want to ensure her story — and the stories of all survivors of sexual harassment and assault — are treated fairly and without bias or prejudice. If the campaign garners more than 1,600 signatures, the names of all signatories will appear on the Phenomenal Woman Action Campaign website: [www.phenomenalwoman.us](http://www.phenomenalwoman.us). Any funds raised in excess of the NYT ad goal will go directly to [Futures Without Violence](#) to support violence prevention programming for middle and high school girls and to expand national engagement and organizing for the #1600men campaign.

This campaign was made possible by support from Futures Without Violence, whose male board members published an initial version of the statement in support of Dr. Ford, ColorBox Industries, and Godfrey Dadich Partners, whose co-founders, Scott Dadich and Patrick Godfrey, are among the 1,600 men supporting the campaign. The firm created the print ad, which honors the original effort in its design. ColorBox Industries created the digital presence.

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## STATEMENTS

**Alicia Garza, Co-founder, Black Lives Matter Global Network; Principal, Black Futures Lab; Strategy and Partnerships Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance**

“The #1600Men campaign is an essential step for men to take in order to end sexual violence. In 1991, Anita Hill courageously shared her experiences with the world, and 1600 Black women stood behind her and beside her. Today, we’re asking men to take a stand and pledge to end sexual violence — and more than 4000 have answered the call. We’ve been here before, but this time, we have a chance to do it right. Working together, we can end sexual violence--once and for all.”

**Meena Harris, Organizer and creative strategist behind the #1600men campaign; Founder, Phenomenal Woman Action Campaign; Commissioner, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women**

“Let’s be clear: what’s at the heart of this is something fundamental that goes beyond the Kavanaugh hearings—it pre-dates this moment and will last long after. At the core, this is about how we, as a society, treat survivors. Unfortunately what we are seeing play out in the context of Dr. Ford is exactly why so many remain silent, and it shows we have so much to learn about understanding the perspective of survivors when they muster the courage to come forward and tell their stories.”

**Barbara Smith, Black feminist author and activist; Signatory to 1991 statement**

“It is really positive that younger generations are being inspired to speak out by Black women who courageously spoke out in defense of Anita Hill in 1991. At this critical time it is important to understand that many men oppose violence against women and respect survivors instead of denigrating them.”

As a signer of the 1991 statement who went on to produce a poster based upon the original "NY Times" ad in order to amplify its reach, Ms. Smith can provide context for Thursday's hearing and discuss why she is supportive of Dr. Blasey Ford and the other women who have come forward.

**Rashad Robinson, Executive Director of Color Of Change; Signatory to #1600men**

“Until we change the rules that make accountability an incredibly high bar, too many men will be left with the message and reality that there are no consequences. It will take all of us working together to change the rules.”



**W. Kamau Bell, Sociopolitical comedian, host and executive producer of the Emmy Award winning CNN docu-series United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell; Signatory to #1600men**

“For generations, men have taught boys to disrespect girls. Worst of all, boys have been taught that it’s “manly” to disrespect women. Then those boys grow up and teach the next generation the same thing, and the cycle continues. Right now, men who know that is a toxic environment for all have to speak up, believe women, and break the cycle.”

**Peter Harvey, Former New Jersey Attorney General; Board Member, Futures Without Violence**

As a former attorney general for the state of New Jersey and member of the board of Futures Without Violence, Peter will speak on the importance of engaging men at every level of society to take a stand and get involved in the movement to prevent and end violence against women and girls. He will speak to the importance of changing the culture by investing in prevention and education among youth, and in particular, investing in programs that teach boys about healthy relationships and treating others with respect.