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*Rush Limbaugh saying something sickeningly misogynistic isn't breaking news, so rest assured I'm not planning to write to you every time he does.*

*But earlier this week, Limbaugh mocked "liberals" for criticizing men who stare at women's breasts, encouraging them to instead approach women and say, "Will you please ask your breasts to stop staring at my eyes?"*

*There's a line between casual but unacceptable sexism and justifying sexual harassment. When someone as prominent as Rush Limbaugh crosses that line, everyone -- Democrats and Republicans alike -- needs to stop the precedent from becoming habit.*

***You know Rush Limbaugh's comment was flat-out wrong. I know it was wrong. And I'd bet even Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus can recognize it was wrong. Join me and ask the RNC to stop enabling Rush Limbaugh and those like him whose rhetoric encourages or condones sexual harassment.***

*This Sunday, the Daily Caller -- the Rush Limbaugh of websites -- piled on with a full-throated defense of sexual harassment:*

*Ladies, how are you going to feel when the progressives prohibit men from paying you a compliment on your walk home from the bar? You know there's always one friend of yours who waited all night for that.*

*And if you happen to be a woman who isn't employed by the Democratic National Committee or the New York Times, maybe you're really not all that offended by these sorts of things.*

*As a woman who happens to be employed by the Democratic National Committee, I am offended by Rush Limbaugh's comments. But I'm not alone, and I know there are plenty of women (maybe even some who work at the Republican National Committee) who'd agree that this is the wrong message to send, encourage, or defend.*

*And frankly, the RNC has the ability to reduce the influence held by Rush Limbaugh and the writers of the Daily Caller. All they need to do is encourage their fellow Republican leaders to stop making time for interviews with outlets like these.*

***So call on Chairman Priebus and the RNC to step up and take action against the type of rhetoric that encourages sexual harassment:***

<http://my.democrats.org/Step-Up-Republicans>

*We are going to be in a lot of big fights with Republicans during the election year that starts in just a few days. But surely we can come together in the meantime to put an end to disgusting rhetoric like Limbaugh's that encourages sexual harassment.*

*Thanks for everything you're doing to stand with women across the country,*

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