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Ms. Sashagay Lindo
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Dear Sashagay and the Brooklyn Rising Team:

Thank you for the wonderful letter, your outstanding activism, and your very kind gesture in awarding me the Shirley Chisholm Woman of the Year award. I am honored to humbly accept.

Shirley Chisholm was a great hero of mine when I was growing up – a leader who showed it was possible to take on the status quo and stand up for Black women, equality, and justice across the country.

As our Administration has worked to continue that legacy, it warms my heart to know future generations, through Brooklyn Rising and beyond, have taken up her call to action. We must end domestic violence here in New York City and all over the world – and it is only possible if we make change together, in common cause. Thank you again for your activism, your courage, and this beautiful award. I will cherish it.

Sincerely,


Chirlane McCray

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