



August 13, 2009

**Open letter to:**

**Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Schriver**  
The Women's Conference  
The California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women.

Re: Request for the removal of Kate Gosselin from your list of Women's Conference speakers

Dear Governor and First Lady,

I am writing to register my and our organizations strongest opposition to Mrs. Kate Gosselin's participation as a speaker in the upcoming October Women's Conference.

Our organization, Child AbuseWatch.net, is a national child abuse prevention group. We speak for children who have no opportunity to speak for themselves.

We are in the midst of a campaign to have the *Jon and Kate Plus 8* program removed from The Learning Channel's line-up. This is due to what we perceive as sustained emotional child abuse and neglect by the parents; abuse that is packaged and broadcast weekly by TLC.

I have written to John Hendricks, TLC's chairman twice, requesting intervention without result. Further, in July, we contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Children and Family services requesting that they open an investigation into how the children are being treated on and off the show.

Having Mrs. Gosselin speak at the conference is, in my opinion as a child advocate, an affront not only to the other speakers but also to your audience. Inviting her as an 'author' is a joke; her book was co-written by Beth Caron and Jon Gosselin. Inviting her as a mother is a cruel irony.

Ms. Gosselin is in the spotlight of media glare for all of the wrong reasons as anyone who has been to the supermarket or who goes on line will tell you. Infamy is not a reason to honor someone with an invitation to speak.

Child AbuseWatch.net feels so strongly about the plight of these young children that we are calling for a boycott of TLC's advertisers until such time as the show is taken off the air.

I would appreciate if you would remove Mrs. Gosselin from your speaker roster. She is an unworthy contributor to your efforts and to the great speakers you have lined up this year.

You may see the letters written to TLC on our website: [www.abusewatch.net](http://www.abusewatch.net).

Sincerely yours,

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