Dear Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie,

Your book, "We Should All Be Feminists", has had a profound impact on my life. "Feminist" was never a term used commonly in my household, let alone the state of Wyoming. My heavily conservative state kept many things from my mind including the following: feminism, abortion, and even different races. Exposure from literature is one of the only places I have to explore concepts beyond this state. I found my new interest in women’s activism during Speech and Debate; however, my full commitment began after I read your book. The part that resonated with me the most is that feminism is not for one gender or one person, it benefits the entire world. Of course I grew up hearing “you hit like a girl” or “only boys can do that”. Though they are common phrases, I did not realize how little words can build up over time to create a perspective that looks down on a group of people. Just as To Kill A Mockingbird is a revolutionary work of literature that addresses racism, your book is an essential novel for women’s activism. The book is a true piece of literary art; your writing style incorporates sad truths mixed with an uplifting sassiness. I love your quote about high heels and lipstick because makeup does not make you a woman, but sometimes it feels nice to have a little something extra. Feminism is about being the free and independent woman you want to be without the social restraints others like to put on us. While reading your book, I feel like I found a new piece of myself: my feminist side. I face issues everyday for being an open feminist in a unwelcoming state, but your book gives me the courage to stand up for myself and the rest of other women in my state that have yet to find their feminist side. Until then, I will stand strong in my beliefs and hope to help others find their empowerment just as you helped me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Sumida