



## Gotopless activist files a petition in U.S. Supreme Court

**Chicago, IL - March 19** - On March 12, 2018, after 4 years of inconclusive court battles, [Sonoko Tagami](#), member of the woman's organization GoTopless [has filed a petition in the U.S. Supreme Court](#) through attorney Joel Flaxman.

"Sonoko is appealing before the Supreme Court to finally lay to rest the constitutional challenge of whether men and women have equal gender rights when it comes to topless rights". states Nadine Gary, GoTopless president.

The [Sonoko Tagami v The City Of Chicago](#) court case stems from an incident that took place on North Beach in Chicago, Illinois during a GoTopless Day protest in Aug 2014. Ms. Tagami, GoTopless activist, was fined by the police for appearing at the annual gender equality protest with her nipples solely covered with opaque paint while the men around her legally appeared with theirs fully exposed.

"Ms. Tagami decided to take her case to court and sued the City of Chicago in order to challenge the blunt gender discrimination she had been the victim of" explains Gary. "Since its inception 11 years ago, GoTopless has always claimed that equal topless equality is protected by the US constitution and that if the courts rule otherwise, then men will need to be forced to cover up their chest in public thus preserving gender equality".

"That was the claim made by Spiritual leader, Maitreya Rael, a relentless defender of equal rights when he recommended the creation of GoTopless in 2007" informs Gary.

'Now, the central legal question before the Supreme Court judges is whether 'traditional moral norms' really take precedence over the Equal Protection clause in the US Constitution as the 7th District judge panel ruled last year when presented with Tagami's case." states Gary

"Many traditional moral norms have justified countless reprehensible, unconstitutional acts in our country's history" says Gary, "And, thankfully they don't hold up to the supreme law of the land.

"In today's society, a favorable ruling for gender topless equality would also have a major impact on the #metoo movement sweeping our country right now" says Gary. "When women are given unequivocal equal rights not only in mind *but in body* as well, our traditional, chauvinist moral norms will gradually give way to a more respectful rapport between the sexes."

"Topless equality speaks volumes to empower womanhood and free everyone from the shackles of Judeo-Christian guilt and shame". concludes Gary

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