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Though much of the work of American poet William Ross Wallace (1819-1881) is mostly forgotten, he is remembered for writing: *"For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."* That phrase to me is a powerful legacy and a most appropriate reminder to women during Women's His(her)story Month.

Women can lead their families out of the trauma of the worst recession since the Great Depression. This modern day recession officially began in December 2007. The National Bureau of Economic Research, an academic committee in Boston known as the nation's official scorekeeper, says it ended the summer of 2009. But you and I know that the aftershocks still reverberate throughout the economy and our lives.

We need the hands that rock the cradle - women - to claim our place in the history of this recovery. We all know that something is wrong - with the country, with the world - and women must change the energy. A destruction mindset seems to be everywhere. Growing bigotry and discord must be brought into line. Some say that will take a "gut check". True. But I also believe it will take the hands that rock the cradle to help insulate the generations we produced because we know from history that the 1930s financial nightmare impacted the lives of generations since then.

Let us acknowledge that we've all contributed to and/or allowed the creation of an environment that lets people just make up things. Let us step back and use this month to reflect on and commit to the importance of getting the facts before we judge or line up behind a cause. Accountability must become part of our history of recovery - from this recession and from its collateral impact. This is the tipping point.

Here's to your health and wealth.

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