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**AUSTRALIAN PROGRESSIVES ANNOUNCE ENDORSEMENT FOR BERNIE SANDERS
CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION**

The Australian Progressives have announced their endorsement for Senator Bernie Sanders to secure the Democratic nomination for the 2020 United States Presidential election.

The Iowa caucuses take place on Monday February 3 and are the first nominating contest in the Democrat and Republican primaries for the 2020 presidential election. The Australian Progressives have put their support behind the Sanders campaign.

“The Australian Progressives National Executive endorses Bernie Sanders for the Democratic Nomination for President of the United States,” President Robert Knight announced on Friday after a meeting of the National Executive.

“The Australian Progressives National Executive also congratulates our Life Member Vinay Orekondy on his role within the ‘Bernie Sanders for President’ campaign, as an organiser for Bernie in the early voting state of New Hampshire,” he continued.

The New Hampshire Caucuses will follow Iowa on February 11, with other states to follow until the Democratic National Convention in July.

According to polling both in Iowa and nationally, Senators Sanders and former Vice President, Joe Biden lead the race with Senator Elizabeth Warren and South Bend Indiana Mayor, Pete Buttigieg polling behind them.

Results of the Iowa caucus will be known on Tuesday 4 February.

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We believe in the advancement of an empathetic society - one in which all citizens of Australia can reach their full potential and find fulfilment in their lives within a thriving democracy. We will be a government with the guts to advance society through laws, services and infrastructure, for the benefit of all people. We believe government and communities should work together to develop creative and passionate individuals who can improve the world around them, embracing education, technology, science, culture and global leadership.

Australian Progressives National Executive members are available for comment.

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