



I am Erin Watson, and I am running for the Committee Chair for Democrats Abroad Republic of Korea. I come from New Mexico; in spite of the current administration's plans to build a wall on Colorado's southern border, New Mexico is an actual state of the USA.

I'm a life-long Democrat and a wonky political junkie. (I've read the Mueller Report three times - it truly is the gift that should stop giving.) However, I'm also a firm believer in doing the work. As an undergraduate, I founded and led a student outreach group for religious minorities. As a graduate student, I was the first Social Media Chair for Advancing Women in Science, the student organization that produced the founders of the March for Science. I've also supported numerous community events, ranging from coordinating a large annual food drive for a food pantry to serving as a safety coordinator for a 400-person festival.

When I moved to Korea, I immediately joined Democrats Abroad and the core volunteer group seeking to revive DAROK. I have two goals.

First, I want to make DAROK a lean, mean, voting machine. Our voices and votes matter, now more than ever, and the GOP is pushing policies to make it harder to vote. I pledge to keep us up to date on these voter suppression efforts to ensure that every one of our votes counts. Members of DAROK should be engaged in the primaries to pick a strong presidential candidate. After that, DAROK should coordinate members to work for our presidential and down-ticket candidates, doing our part to create Blue Wave 2020!

My second goal is to rebuild DAROK into a vibrant community. Democrats abroad share more than a country of origin - we share core values such as commitments to equal opportunity, civil rights, and environmental justice. We can be a positive transformative force for one another and for our extended communities here and in the US.

Thank you for being part of DAROK. I look forward to an exciting 2020 and I hope that you'll join me in strengthening DAROK and Democrats everywhere.