

# BIDEN HARRIS

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To All Americans Residing Abroad:

This election is the most important of any of our lifetimes, and it is vital that we ensure every single American voter has the chance to make their voice heard—and to make sure that it is counted—including the millions of American citizens residing outside the United States.

During a global pandemic that has cost more than 200,000 lives in the United States and almost one million lives globally, President Trump not only has no plan for how to get COVID-19 under control so we can safely restart our economy, his administration is in the Supreme Court actively trying to overturn the Affordable Care Act and strip away health care protections for more than 100 million Americans with preexisting conditions. President Trump refuses to address or even acknowledge the existential threat of climate change. He has tarnished America's credibility on the international stage and damaged our ability to lead the world to address the global challenges that threaten lives everywhere.

These issues, and so many more, that matter to every American are all on the ballot this year. But Americans living abroad must also navigate unique issues that require the support and attention of their government, and I want to personally assure you that a Biden-Harris administration will meet our responsibilities to your community, too.

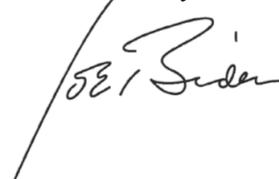
As President, I'll get to work right away implementing a plan that is guided by science and the experts to combat the spread of COVID-19, and I'll provide the clear guidelines and the necessary resources for personal protective equipment so that Americans residing overseas can access essential consular services and have the support they need in a timely manner. Our Administration will rebuild a modern, agile Department of State and invest in and re-empower the finest diplomatic corps in the world across the board. That includes reducing the processing times for visas and ensuring equal treatment with respect to citizenship, naturalization, and immigration proceedings for same-sex couples and their children, including those adopted or born abroad.

I know these are just a few of the issues that matter to your community. A Biden-Harris Administration will work in partnership with you on all the issues that impact your lives and well-being as Americans residing abroad, including reviewing the barriers to accessing banking and financial services. My campaign has made it a priority to engage with you, and that will remain true throughout a Biden-Harris Administration.

Each of you serves as an ambassador for our nation, representing the best of our American culture and democratic values. You build connections that help promote our interests and support our economic vitality. Your voices matter. Your issues are American issues.

So please be sure to register to vote and to return your ballot. You can register right now by visiting [VoteFromAbroad.org](https://VoteFromAbroad.org). I'm asking for your vote, and I hope to earn it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the signature.