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Democrats Abroad -

We are just a few weeks away from the DNC Chair election and I am hoping to earn the support of all of the Democrats Abroad.

We stand committed to ensuring the potential of overseas voters. In 2016, we lost the presidency because of razor thin margins in three states we should have won. The work that Democrats Abroad did in my home state of Minnesota clearly made the difference to elect Al Franken in 2008 when he won by 312 votes. The fact is, a better resourced and targeted overseas turnout operation could make the difference in a future election.

I understand that DA has invested a great deal of time and energy in this effort with little institutional support from the DNC. It would be my intention as DNC chair not to continue to ignore this effort, but to support it wholeheartedly, both with expertise and resources.

As DNC chair, I am committed to working with Democrats Abroad to:

- Immediately focus on improving the data we have on the concentration of voters overseas, particularly swing state voters, and provide resources for an effort to better ID these voters in the lead up to 2018. In doing so, we will utilize the best data analysts in the Democratic Party.
- In collaboration with DA leadership, develop a GOTV plan for 2018 to test our ability to increase overseas turnout, with an eye toward learning what methods may be most effective for turning out overseas voters.
- Based on what we learn from this exercise in 2018, work with DA to develop a data driven GOTV program for swing-state overseas voters that devotes staff and resources to turning out the most critical of the voters identified by DA and the DNC for the 2020 elections.
- Provide equal funding to Democrats Abroad for SPP funds. My commitment is \$10,000 a month.
- Provide equal opportunities for Democrats Abroad to get grant resources and funding for programs.
- Commitment to maintaining platform language on FATCA and FBAR.
- Commitment to attend at a minimum two fundraisers a year to support the Democrats Abroad.
- Matching funds for Democrats Abroad DNC Members with financial hardship to attend DNC meetings.

As DNC Chair, I will firmly commit to resources, collaboration and partnership for the work of the Democrats Abroad. What you offer the DNC and candidates across the country is vital to the mission of electing more Democrats.

I hope that this is a start to a meaningful and sustained partnership that invests in our Democrats Abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Keith".

Keith Ellison
Candidate, DNC Chair

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