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TO: State Committee Member

DNC UPDATE:

NATIONAL CONVENTION EDITION

The week began with a bit of uncertainty when DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned and DNC Vice Chair Donna Brazile stepped up to serve as Interim Chair thru the election. On behalf of the DNC, Donna apologized for inexcusable remarks (see *POLITICO* story <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/08/dnc-ceo-resigns-amid-turmoil-226570>) made over email about Senator Sanders. Donna further pledged to take appropriate action to ensure that it does not happen again -- and she kept her word (see *GUARDIAN* story <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/08/dnc-ceo-resigns-amid-turmoil-226570>).

I have known Donna since 2000 when we worked together on the Gore campaign. She is just what we need to lead us to victory this fall!

Once the week got underway, we witnessed the unification of the party with great speeches made by Secretary and President Clinton, Senator Sanders, President and Michelle Obama, Senator Kaine and, of course Khizr Khan.

On Friday, August 29, we held our first DNC meeting of the new term. We had a surprise visit from Senator Tim Kaine. We left Philadelphia unified and ready to take the fight to the Republicans all across America.

Party Platform

I'm proud to report that we passed our most progressive party platform in our history. Check out our platform at <https://www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Democratic-Party-Platform-7.21.16-no-lines.pdf>.

Unity Reform Commission

Every four years, the DNC takes a hard look at how we run our nomination process with the goal of making improvements. This year, the DNC Rules Committee – in collaboration with the Clinton and Sanders campaigns – passed a resolution (see attached) forming a Unity Reform Commission that will consider specific reforms.

Road to Victory

The Clinton-Kaine campaign, the DNC and state parties (in coordination with Democratic candidates up and down the ballot) are working together to identify, persuade and GET OUT THE VOTE.

We have only 83 days until Election Day - that's only 12 weekends. Please look at your calendar NOW and commit to what days you will commit to help turn out the vote.

Next DNC Meeting

Our next meeting of the DNC is tentatively scheduled for January 2017.