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Dear Democratic Colleague:

Later this month, our Caucus will nominate our candidate for Speaker for the 116th Congress. In these uncertain times, there is no one more qualified to lead our Caucus and the House of Representatives than Nancy Pelosi.

Leader Pelosi has a proven track record of accomplishment for our Caucus and the American people. Against the opposition of a Republican president, she successfully fought to increase the minimum wage for the first time in a decade. In 2008, she worked to secure the largest expansion of educational benefits for our veterans when the House passed the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, which also faced opposition from a Republican administration. She has also been on the frontlines defending women's reproductive rights and LGBTQ rights.

After Democrats won back the White House in 2008, then-Speaker Pelosi worked with President Obama in securing passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which helped save our economy from the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. And she took up the cause of making sure our government actually takes steps to address climate change and curtail carbon emissions, but not at the expense of our most vulnerable communities.

During her first tenure as Speaker, she was instrumental in expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program to cover millions of more uninsured children. A few months later, then-Speaker Pelosi delivered an Affordable Care Act out of the House with a robust public option. And since then, she has been a tenacious leader and advocate for affordable and universal health care coverage for every American. It is because of her tireless efforts in keeping our Caucus unified that the Affordable Care Act still stands today.

These victories were not easy. On each of these tough votes, Leader Pelosi successfully brought together every faction of our caucus to deliver for the American people. She is not only our most talented legislative strategist, she is the most effective House leader in modern history.

With a Republican White House and Senate, we need a proven, experienced leader at the helm to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and deliver a legislative agenda that is truly For the People. Nancy Pelosi remains that leader.

I hope you will join me in supporting Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the People's House.

Very truly yours,

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