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The Honorable Jamie Harrison
Chairman, Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street Southeast
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SUBJECT: Meeting Request, November 30, 2021

Dear Chairman Harrison,

On March 12, 2021, I wrote to congratulate you on your appointment to head the Democratic National Committee and requested a meeting. I asked for the meeting on behalf of a group of pro-life Democratic elected officials. To date, you have refused to respond to multiple requests and have made no outreach to pro-life Democratic voters.

It is unconscionable that you, as Chairman, refuse to meet with elected officials of your own Party. Hopefully, your failure to respond is an oversight and not a deliberate attempt to silence and ignore pro-life voices within the Democratic Party.

Given the outcome of the Virginia elections, I believe it is more important than ever for you to hear from the one-third of Democrats who disagree with the Party's push to advance abortion beyond reasonable limits and to eliminate health and safety regulations on abortion. A campaign for abortion is not a winning strategy anywhere.

If you missed it, gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe embraced an extreme agenda promising to be a "brick wall" for the abortion lobby in the Virginia race. Virginia Democrats shifted into high gear on abortion to get out the vote. It worked to get out the vote -- against McAuliffe. CNN's exit polling found that 8 percent of Virginia voters considered abortion their most important issue, and these voters overwhelmingly cast their ballots against McAuliffe.

This is a critical time in our nation's history where strong leadership is essential. Being from a southern state, we had every confidence in your leadership and ability to understand that there is a diversity of opinions on the issue of abortion. This diversity is essential to advance Democratic electoral success.

We respectfully request a meeting for the afternoon of November 30, 2021. You can reach me at kday@democratsforlife.org or 703-424-6663. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristen Day
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