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Friends,

On Monday, February 5, our community will begin early voting for the primary election to replace our good friend and hero, Jan Schakowsky, in Congress. Jan has meant so much to our district over the past three decades fighting for women, children, our parents, and our grandparents. We have consistently put our faith in Jan to represent our interests in Washington, and she has consistently delivered.

I have been following this primary race for the 9th District very closely. There are multiple well-qualified and inspiring candidates, and in any other election, I would be proud to support all of my friends in this race. However, this election is unlike any other.

This election is not just about policy, it is about protecting the very core of our democracy. It is about standing up to Donald Trump's attacks on the rule of law, his use of armed thugs to intimidate communities, his mobilization of government for personal gain, and his efforts to inflame racial animus.

One thing is clear: the country is listening. Our clarion call for justice is ringing across America, and that bell will not be unrung.

We need leaders who can fight and win. Leaders who don't just point out problems, but work day and night to solve them. Leaders who can bring down the cost of food, medicine, and housing. Leaders who can seize a new Democratic majority in Congress to get things done for the people and to protect us from the dangers of Trump's agenda.

In this election, I strongly believe that person is Daniel Biss. I am proud to endorse Daniel for Congress, and I urge you to support him as well because Daniel is the type of leader that we need right now.

Many of you know Daniel as the mayor of Evanston, where he led progressive efforts to lower the cost of housing, create non-police responses for mental health emergencies, champion ranked choice voting, protect the LGBTQ+ community, and leverage city government to make significant change.

But I first met Daniel more than fifteen years ago, walking and talking with neighbors about how he could serve them in Springfield. Even then, I knew he meant what he said, and I believed he would follow through on his commitments. I had the privilege of working alongside Daniel in Springfield, watching him strategize, work tirelessly, and succeed against seemingly impossible odds.

He fought for affordable healthcare then, and he is fighting for it now. He worked for justice then, and he is still fighting for justice today. I know he will see it through.

This is our election, and our future is on the line. I hope you will join me in supporting Daniel Biss for Congress.

Sincerely,



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