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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE --  
HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR,

NOT FOR MANY YEARS HAS OUR PARTY HAD THE CHANCE FOR  
TRUE UNITY AS IT DOES IN THE ELECTION THIS FALL.

THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, WE WERE FACED WITH NO  
STATEWIDE RUNOFF PRIMARIES, WHICH COULD HAVE DIVIDED US  
AND CAUSED SOME EROSION IN OUR RANKS.

WE GAVE THE PEOPLE A CHOICE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS,  
UNLIKE OUR OPPONENTS WHO HANDPICKED THEIR CANDIDATES AND  
TOLD THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA, "HERE IS WHAT WE ARE  
GIVING YOU AND HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL TAKE."

WELL, I THINK THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE SICK AND  
TIRED OF BEING TOLD WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM. I THINK THEY WANT A  
CHOICE AND THEY WILL DECIDE WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM.

IN THE PRIMARY RACE FOR THE SENATE, WE GAVE THEM A  
CHOICE.

WE HAD 10 CANDIDATES AND IT WAS EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF. IT WAS AS FAIR AND UNFIXED AS A CAT FIGHT, AND WHEN IT WAS OVER, WE GOT TOGETHER AND SHOOK HANDS AND JOINED FORCES.

NOW, AS DEMOCRATS, WE ARE UNITED.

WE HAVE OUR CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE; FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND COUNTY OFFICES AND BECAUSE OF OUR UNITY OF PURPOSE, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THIS YEAR AS WE HAVEN'T WON IN A LONG TIME.

AND I BELIEVE WE WILL WIN A GREAT VICTORY IN NOVEMBER -- ALL DOWN THE LINE.

BUT THIS CAN'T BE ACHIEVED BY UNITY ALONE.

WE HAVE TO GIVE THE VOTERS A PROGRAM THAT IS AIMED AT THE THINGS THAT IS BOTHERING THEM.

AND I KNOW WHAT'S BOTHERING THEM.

DURING THE PRIMARY CAMPAIGN, I TRAVELLED ALL ACROSS THIS STATE VISITING AND TALKING WITH LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF OUR CITIZENS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LISTENING TO WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY.

THEY ARE BOTHERED. THEY ARE CONFUSED. THEY ARE DISTURBED. THEY ARE ALSO SKEPTICAL AND CYNICAL.

IN THE MODERN VER A ULAR, THEY ARE "TURNED OFF" AS  
FAR AS POLITICS AND POLITICIANS ARE CONCERNED.

AND CAN YOU BLAME THEM?

OUR TRADITION, OUR HISTORY, OUR CONSTITUTION SAYS THE  
COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE.

BUT THE PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT MAY NOT BE  
SO.

THEY FEEL AMERICA IS BEING RUN FOR A PRIVILEGED FEW RATHER  
THAN FOR THE MANY -- AND THEY HAVE CAUSE.

ONLY THIS WEEK WE SAW AN EVENT WHICH HAD NEVER HAPPENED  
IN AMERICA BEFORE.

A PRESIDENT RESIGNED.

IN MANY WAYS HE WAS A GOOD PRESIDENT.

HE ENDED A WAR THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON TOO LONG.

HE ACHIEVED A MEASURE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD AND HE TOOK  
BOLD STEPS IN OPENING LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TWO  
COMMUNIST GIANTS -- RUSSIA AND CHINA.

I AM SURE THAT THERE IS SYMPATHY ON THE PART OF MANY FOR  
HIS FAMILY.

BUT THIS IS A NATION OF LAW, AND NO MAN CAN BE ABOVE THE LAW IF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS TO SURVIVE,

AND SO WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND CERTAINLY WE WISH HIM WELL,

WE HOPE HIS FIRST ACTIONS WILL BE THOSE THAT WILL HELP TO RESOTRE THE PEOPLE'S FAITH IN THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENT,

BUT A CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT IS BOTHERING OUR PEOPLE THE MOST,

INFLATION WILL STILL BE WITH US,

WHEN YOU HOUSEWIVES GO TO THE GROCERY NEXT WEEK YOUR DOLLAR WON'T BUY ANY MORE THAN IT DID THIS WEKK,

THE PRICE OF BREAD AND MEAT AND POTATOES AND SUGAR WILL BE JUST AS HIGH,

INTEREST RATES WON'T BE ANY LOWER,

A YOUNG COUPLE JUST STARTING OUT WITH A DREAM OF BUYING A HOME WILL FIND THE DREAM AS IMPOSSIBLE NEXT WEEK AS IT IS THIS WEEK AND HAS BEEN FOR TOO LONG,

ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING ON PENSIONS OR SOCIAL SECURITY WON'T FIND THINGS ANY EASIER UNDER A NEW PRESIDENT THAN UNDER THE ONE WHO HAS DEPARTED,

THE FEARS, THE PANIC FEELING THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK WON'T PAY FOR THE BASIC NECESSITIES -- THE FOOD AND THE SHELTER AND THE UTILITIES -- WILL STILL BE THERE.

WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT THE THINGS THAT HAVE CAUSED THIS HORRIBLE CHEAPENING OF YOUR DOLLARS WON'T BE SOLVED BY SUBSTITUTING ONE MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR ANOTHER.

WE HAVE TO GET AT THE BASIC CAUSE OF THIS INFLATION IF WE ARE GOING TO EFFECT A CURE.

THE BIGGEST CAUSE OF INFLATION IS THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING MORE THAN IT TAKES IN, YEAR AFTER YEAR.

NOW WHEN THEY START TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS FOR THIS AND BILLIONS FOR THAT IN WASHINGTON IT GETS PRETTY CONFUSING, BUT LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY: IF YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL STARTED TO SPEND MORE THAN HE MADE EVERY YEAR, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE CREDIT?

JUST THIS PAST WEEK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STARTED ISSUING NOTES AND BONDS, BACKED BY THE CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES, AT NINE PER CENT INTEREST. THIS IS THE HIGHEST RATE THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO PAY SINCE THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, WHICH MAY GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF THE TROUBLE WE ARE IN.

THE TIME HAS COME -- INDEED IT IS LONG PAST -- WHEN SOMEBODY HAS TO SAY "STOP" TO THIS BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT SPENDING MORE THAN IT COLLECTS IN TAXES.

WHEN I GET TO THE SENATE, I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL BE ONE WHO WILL SAY "STOP" TO ANY EFFORT TO SPEND MORE THAN THE GOVERNMENT'S INCOME.

THIS NATION SIMPLY HAS TO GET BACK ON THE TRACK AND BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT WHAT IS HURTING ALL OF US IN THE WORST WAY -- MONEY.

DURING MY TRAVELS, THE ONE OTHER THING I FOUND PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT MOST WAS WHAT THEY BELIEVED WAS THE LACK OF INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT.

A GOVERNMENT WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN BEING AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

AND ALL OF THE POLLS TAKEN DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS SHOW THAT THE PUBLIC HOLDS POLITICIANS AND POLITICS IN VERY LOW ESTEEM.

AS DEMOCRATS -- AS THE PARTY THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE -- WE MUST WORK TO REMOVE THIS DISBELIEF AND WE MUST WORK TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT.

WE MUST GIVE THE PEOPLE A GOVERNMENT THAT SHOWS REGARD FOR THEIR BASIC NEEDS AND RESPECT THEIR RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH.

HONEST, PLAIN TALK IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT AND THAT IS WHAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE.

AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLE DON'T ASK A GREAT DEAL FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT.

MOST PEOPLE WANT A CHANCE FOR A PERSONAL LIFE THEY FEEL IS WORTH LIVING.

MOST PEOPLE WANT TO BE ABLE TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR ELECTED LEADERS HAVE INTEGRITY.

MOST PEOPLE WANT A CLEAN WORLD TO LIVE IN, WITH CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE AND CLEAN WATER TO DRINK.

AND MOST PEOPLE WANT A CHANCE TO ACHIEVE THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

THAT'S WHAT MOST PEOPLE WANT.

AND THESE ARE THINGS THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE FOR GRANTED.

AS DEMOCRATS, WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS TO ACHIEVE TO THE LIMITS OF THEIR TALENTS AND ENERGIES.

WE BELIEVE IN HARD WORK AS A FAIR MEASURE OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUCCEED.

WE BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE IDLE WHILE THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE.

WE ARE DETERMINED THAT GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HANDOUT SHALL NOT BECOME A WAY OF LIFE.

WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THE CITIZEN SHALL BE PROTECTED  
ON THE STREETS AND IN HIS HOME.

WE BELIEVE THAT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO LIVE THEIR LIVES WITH A MINIMUM OF INTERFERENCE FROM  
GOVERNMENT.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT IS THE  
SERVANT, NOT THE MASTER OF THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS WHAT THOMAS JEFFERSON MEANT WHEN HE SAID,  
"WHEN A MAN ASSUMES A PUBLIC TRUST, HE SHOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF  
AS PUBLIC PROPERTY."

YET, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE SEEN ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO  
ASSUMED, ON TAKING OFFICE, THAT THE OFFICE WAS THEIR PERSONAL  
PROPERTY AND THE PEOPLE HAD NO VOICE IN ITS CONDUCT.

I SAY THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC YEAR.

I SAY THAT THIS YEAR THE PEOPLE WILL TURN TO THE PARTY  
WHICH THROUGH THE YEARS HAS KEPT FAITH WITH THE PEOPLE.

WE ARE HEADED FOR A GREAT VICTORY IN NOVEMBER AND I  
BELIEVE THAT THE VOTERS OF THE 10TH DISTRICT ARE GOING TO HELP  
US ACHIEVE THAT VICTORY.

AND WHEN I AM ELECTED TO THE SENATE I PROMISE YOU HARD  
WORK, AN OPEN DOOR, AND HONEST PLAIN ANSWERS TO YOUR  
QUESTIONS.