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OPEN LETTER TO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS, CANDIDATES, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DONORS

Subject: Black Votes Must Produce Black Results

Dear Democratic Leaders, Candidates, Elected Officials and Donors:

Black Americans have been among the Democratic Party's most consequential voters. We organize, volunteer, donate, mobilize our communities and turn out at the ballot box. Our votes have helped elect Democrats at every level of government.

THAT POLITICAL POWER MUST PRODUCE MEASURABLE RESULTS FOR BLACK AMERICA.

Black Democrats of America (BDA) is committed to supporting and helping elect candidates who will advance the Black Agenda and remain accountable to Black communities after Election Day.

Today, Black Americans face attacks on voting and civil rights, DEI and Black history; the loss of Black federal jobs; persistent racial violence and suspicious deaths demanding transparent investigation; barriers to Black business ownership, capital, contracting, homeownership and wealth creation; disparities in education, healthcare and criminal justice; and the challenge of ensuring Black Americans are not left behind in the AI economy.

And we are unequivocal:

REPARATIONS FOR BLACK AMERICANS MUST BE A PRIORITY. PERIOD.

Generations of slavery, Jim Crow, racial terror and government-sanctioned discrimination created enormous economic harm that continues across generations. Candidates seeking our support must be prepared to tell Black voters where they stand on reparations and what they will do to move reparations from discussion to action.

Our message to the Democratic Party is straightforward:

BLACK VOTES ARE NOT A BLANK CHECK.

Being a Democrat is not enough. Being progressive is not enough. Being a democratic socialist is not enough. And being Black is not enough.

We support candidates who **show up**.

Show up in our communities before asking for our votes. Listen to Black families, businesses, young people, elders and community leaders. Understand our history. Address our priorities. Tell us specifically what you will do. Then come back after you are elected and remain accountable.

BDA will endorse candidates who demonstrate their commitment to advancing the Black Agenda. We will educate voters, organize communities, encourage qualified people to run for office and work to help elect candidates who have earned our support.

To Democratic leaders and donors: invest in these candidates. Invest in year-round Black civic engagement. Invest in Black political infrastructure instead of waiting until the final weeks of an election to recognize the importance of Black voters.

To candidates seeking our endorsement, we have one fundamental question:

HOW WILL BLACK AMERICA BE BETTER BECAUSE YOU WERE ELECTED?

We are ready to organize. We are ready to vote. We are ready to endorse. And we are ready to work with those who understand that **Black political power must produce Black results**.

Respectfully,

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