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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Choose New York for the 2024 Democratic Convention

Dear President Biden,

As Members of Congress from the New York State Congressional delegation, we urge you to select New York City as the host for the 2024 Democratic National Convention. In New York, the Biden-Harris Administration can proudly celebrate victories from the first term and send a strong message that you will continue to fight for the Democratic principles that strengthen our nation.

New York offers a meaningful setting to promote the Administration's accomplishments - especially when it comes to infrastructure, manufacturing, and the economy. From the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, New York is expected to receive \$11.6 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$1.9 billion for bridge replacement and repairs. Just recently, you came to New York to celebrate the almost \$300 million investment the Administration made in the Hudson Tunnel Project, which is expected to improve transit along the Northeast Corridor. The CHIPS and Science Act will also deliver an additional \$4.2 billion investment from Qualcomm and GlobalFoundries for chip manufacturing in our state. The ability to highlight these major achievements during the convention will demonstrate the Administration's laser focus on infrastructure—a major priority among voters.

Our economic recovery further emphasizes that your team knows how to create jobs and improve workforce development. During the height of the pandemic, New Yorkers suffered serious hardships as the nation's epicenter for the coronavirus outbreak. But under your leadership, we have made a major comeback. In the past year, New York City has added 344 thousand jobs, more than any other metro area. As more and more Americans experience this historic and equitable economic recovery, New York serves as the ideal example to hammer that case home.

Additionally, New York can demonstrate the values our party represents to a nation of sensible, middle-of-the-road voters. Following the reversal of *Roe*, New York has served as a national leader in the fight to preserve and protect women's rights— promptly passing several legislative actions at the city and state levels. This starkly contrasts with states like Georgia, which quickly moved to allow one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation. Our state is also a bastion for workers'

rights. We rank <u>first in union density</u> among the nation's largest states, with a strong union support base for the convention bid. These are core principles that the Democratic Party stands for, works for, and will deliver for all Americans.

Though conventional wisdom holds that gathering in a swing state could provide an electoral edge, we suggest selecting a tried-and-true Democratic state which will allow our party to play to these historic strengths and victories. Remember, in 2012, the DNC was held in North Carolina while the RNC was held in Florida—Barack Obama carried Florida and fell short in North Carolina in that election.

We know COVID deprived you of a full-nominating convention in Milwaukee. 2024 is an opportunity to stand strong in renomination with all the pomp and circumstance you deserve, at a location just one Amtrak ride away from your home state and earliest supporters.

In New York, you will find no better place to welcome our delegates, celebrate our successes, and summon a powerful team spirit of progress that will inspire our party, nominees, and nation.

Sincerely,

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