



Dear Northwest Democrats,

The news of President Joe Biden stepping aside from his presidential campaign brings us to a sad moment. Throughout his career he has shown invaluable leadership to the party and his constituents. President Biden's legacy was molded today with much dignity and honor. As we reflect on his many accomplishments let us focus on the ultimate decision he made today when he "stepped aside" at the behest of many of his fellow democrats to ensure a win against a tyrant and to allow us to in his own words, "battle for the Soul of this nation.

The soul of America is defined by the sacred proposition that all are created equal in the image of God. That all are entitled to be treated with decency, dignity, and respect. That all deserve justice and a shot at lives of prosperity and consequence. And that democracy – democracy must be defended, for democracy makes all these things possible. Folks, it is up to us."

Indeed, it is up to us! There is no more waiting. How will we contribute to ensure a Democratic presidential win in November? Will it be financially, as voter registrars, working the polls, getting out the vote efforts via phone banking, texting, block walking, becoming more aware of the challenges to share with others? So many opportunities to make a Democratic presidential possible in November and truly "Save the Soul of the Nation!"

Respectfully,

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