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Honorable Senator Tammy Baldwin
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Dear Senator Baldwin

Re: Why we are Democrats

Dear Senator Baldwin,

We are committed democrats and strong supporters of you. But we find ourselves frustrated that every communication we receive fails to mention why we are Democrats. The pitch is limited to "send money". Many of these fundraising letters reference all the terrible things the Republicans are doing without ever reminding us of our own core beliefs and values. This approach feels like the failed 2016 Democratic campaign.

We want to rebuild the Democratic party. And we want to see you re-elected. To do that we believe fundraising needs to include both an appeal to the heart, and a renewed commitment to the values we all share whether we are traditional labor Democrats or Progressives. Fundraising letters and other communications need to be more than another call to the barricades.

We recognize that money is critical. But along the way people have forgotten how stark the differences are between the two parties. Too many people wrongly believe that both parties are essentially the same just with different personalities running for election. We believe your campaign would be strengthened if in your fundraising and outreach you spoke to your beliefs and reminded voters these are the principles on which we vote. Principles like: Women are entitled to equal pay and equal rights. Honesty, equal opportunity and tolerance are traditional values. The economy is driven by consumer demand. Only workers who earn a livable wage can buy what factories produce. Taxes should be adequate to pay the government's bills and be fair. War is not healthy for children and other living beings. Protecting the environment is important. That Government has a responsibility to protect the disabled and to promote safety for workers and fairness for consumers. And that affordable health care is a human right. We need to work together to find a way to provide it at a reasonable cost.

Enclosed is a card and website address we have created. Traditional Democrats and Progressives have both found it helpful. Please use any or all of it in any way that is helpful to you.

In the meantime, know we support you and will contribute within our Social Security means.

Best wishes,

Jerry and Penny Scribner