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Dear Colleagues,

At this defining moment for our democracy, we must unite to confront the growing threats that seek to dismantle our core American values, while rebuilding the middle class and lowering the cost of living for working families. From the Trump Administration's attacks on the rule of law, weaponizing the government against its critics, and decimating the services our constituents rely upon — there is a clear and immediate threat to our democracy. As citizens, patriots, and Members of Congress, we must organize, fight back, and defend the principles of freedom, equality, and justice.

I'm ready to help lead that fight — and today, I'm announcing my candidacy for Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to ensure we hold those in power accountable and protect democracy for the next generation.

Oversight is the heart of Congress' responsibility to the American people — exposing corruption, protecting taxpayer dollars, reforming government, and demanding transparency from those in power. We must ensure that government works *for* working families, not only for the wealthy and well-connected.

For our Democratic Caucus to truly meet the needs of the American people, we must unite the experience and wisdom of our seasoned legislators with the fresh energy and bold ideas of our newer Members. And I believe that I bring the experience and perspective this moment demands.

As Mayor and Chief Executive of Long Beach, I led one of California's largest cities, with nearly half a million residents, a \$3 billion budget, and over 6,000 public employees. We used audits and data to drive reform, launched new technology to make city services more accessible, and modernized how City Hall operates. I held departments accountable while

protecting workers' rights and improving public outcomes. We showed that government can be both progressive and effective — driven by values, powered by innovation, and always working for the people we serve.

In Congress, I serve on our leadership team as the Caucus Leadership Representative and previously served as President of my Freshman Class. In those roles, I united and elevated the voices of new Members, while recognizing the diversity of our perspectives.

In my time on the Oversight Committee, I've supported our servicemembers as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs; pushed back attacks on our public services on the DOGE Subcommittee; and am pursuing government transparency as Ranking Member on the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets.

I'm a team player, a good listener, and a long-time educator who always does my homework. And I'm ready to deliver results. As your Oversight Ranking Member, I would focus on four priorities:

**1. Holding the Trump Administration & the Powerful Accountable:**

We cannot let lies, abuses of power, or assaults on civil rights go unanswered. I will use every tool available — oversight, investigation, and public engagement — to defend the rule of law and make clear that no one, not even a President or the richest man on Earth, is above the law or beyond public scrutiny.

**2. Making Government Work for Everyone:** This isn't just about opposing Donald Trump — it's about delivering for the American people. That means building a government rooted in truth, driven by public service, and powered by a strong, respected public workforce. We must stand with our union partners, restore independence for Inspectors General, protect watchdogs like the GAO, and ensure every taxpayer dollar delivers real value. Oversight isn't the end goal — it's how we build a government that works better, faster, and more fairly for everyone.

3. **Breaking Through with Our Message:** Democrats are the party of working families — but we must meet people where they are. Traditional media isn't enough — to drive real policy wins, we must break through the noise, capture public attention, and energize people to act. We need to be aggressive in every medium, across every platform, combating misinformation and telling a bold, clear story about our values and vision for the future.
4. **Supporting the Caucus and Winning the Majority:** There is no higher priority than winning back the majority and making Hakeem Jeffries the next Speaker of the House. I've rolled up my sleeves — traveling to tough Republican districts, hosting town halls, and standing shoulder to shoulder with our Frontline Members. I'm doing the work, building the coalition, and helping lead the charge to deliver a decisive, history-making win for our Caucus and the American people.

If elected, I would be one of only two Hispanic Ranking Members. Latino voters are a cornerstone of our coalition. Their voices, experiences, and leadership must be fully reflected at the highest levels of our Caucus.

I'm confident in my ability to unite our diverse voices — and with your partnership, I'm ready to lead — with transparency, tenacity, and the inclusive spirit that defines the very best of our Caucus.

I look forward to speaking with you in the days ahead — and I hope to earn your support.

Let's go!



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