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November 18, 2022

Dear Colleague:

It's been the honor of my lifetime to serve with you. We've accomplished so much and, together, we led one of the most successful midterm election cycles in modern history. I want to work with you to continue the progress we've made delivering for the American people and protecting our Democracy. **That's why I am announcing my candidacy for Democratic Caucus Chair and humbly ask for your vote.** I'm honored by the trust the Caucus has put in Hakeem, Katherine and I as the next generation of leadership.

It's been a privilege to serve alongside Chairman Jeffries as the Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus for the last two years. I've worked closely with Hakeem to serve the Caucus, conduct the weekly press conference, organize the Issues Conference and learn your priorities. Prior to being elected Caucus Vice Chair, I served on Whip Clyburn's team as a Chief Deputy Whip and as DCCC Recruitment and Red to Blue Co-Chair. I'm ready to step into the Caucus Chair position to continue serving the Caucus.

As Vice Chair, I've brought Members from across the Caucus together through the Vice Chair Conversation Series. Even through the pandemic, over dinner (or pizza!) and drinks, we shared conversations about important topics and issues like balancing parenting and serving in Congress or how to make Congress work better. As we navigate the challenges that lie ahead, we will only be as strong as our collaboration and communication. We are a diverse Caucus, but we have so much in common when we listen to and understand each other. If we're going to be successful, we will need to listen to all the voices in our Caucus.

I'm running for Democratic Caucus Chair to represent YOU; to make sure you have a voice in how we move forward, to help you deliver for your district, and to take back the majority in 2024. But we would not be in the position we are today without the tireless leadership of Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer and Whip Clyburn. They are true public servants who belong on the Mount Rushmore of Democratic Leadership.

Today, I am the only Congressional Hispanic Caucus Member, the only New Democrat Coalition Member, and the only former Red to Blue candidate and former Frontline Member in top leadership. The Members who represent these types of districts are our Majority Makers; if we want to take back the House, we need to win more districts like these. I promise to continue doing what I've always done – convening conversations with all of you, and if elected I will put your feedback into action. For our unity to be our power we must make sure every voice is heard and respected and that every Member of the Caucus plays a role in regaining and retaining the majority. That will be my mission as Caucus Chair.

I look forward to having more conversations with you in the coming days and hope that I can earn your vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Aguilar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "A".

Pete Aguilar