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Kamala Harris for President
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Dear Madame Vice President and Governor Walz,

With less than two months remaining before Election Day, several aspects of the Harris-Walz policy agenda remain unclear to voters. Of particular concern is the campaign's continued ambiguity on defending sacred American institutions responsible for preserving our republic for nearly 250 years.

We at the Faith & Freedom Coalition ask the campaign to definitively clarify its positions in the following areas critical to American democracy.

Firstly, Vice President Harris, you repeatedly championed ending the Senate filibuster—a longstanding practice rooted in our founding principles that encourages compromise, restrains majority power, and supports public trust in American governance. During your 2020 presidential campaign, you declared that if elected president, you would be “prepared to get rid of the filibuster” to pass the Green New Deal. As Vice President, just before the 2022 midterms, you stated that you “cannot wait to cast the deciding vote to break the filibuster,” this time to codify *Roe v. Wade* into law. The campaign has yet to outline its current stance on this issue. Vice President Harris, has your position on ending the filibuster shifted during your time as the 2024 Democratic presidential nominee?

Your 2020 presidential campaign also saw you advocate for “increasing the number of people on the U.S. Supreme Court.” You reiterated to both the *New York Times* and *Politico* that you were open to adding more seats to the high court. Just last month, you backed President Biden's Supreme Court reform proposals, including the idea of term limits that require appointing a new Supreme Court justice every two years. Yet, the Harris-Walz campaign has not adopted an official position on this matter. Vice President Harris, do you still believe that “everything is on the table,” including court-packing?

Similarly, during your 2020 presidential bid, you stated that you were “open to the discussion” of abolishing the Electoral College. The Electoral College importantly preserves the right of all Americans, from all states in the nation including less populated areas, to have a say in who governs our country. In 2019, you expressed frustration that the Electoral College has “diminished” the voices of certain people in “making the final decision” about who is president. What is your campaign's current stance on the Electoral College?

Lastly, both Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. have supported the Harris-Walz campaign while simultaneously asking for statehood. During last month's Democratic National Convention, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser cast her vote for you while pushing for D.C. to be added as a state, proclaiming, “we know Kamala Harris will fight for our freedom, and we will work together to

make Washington, D.C., the 51st state.” Similarly, delegates from Puerto Rico referred to the island as “the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the next state of the United States” before casting their vote for you. You accepted both gestures of support but have yet to publicly state your position on statehood. The Constitution never intended for D.C. or Puerto Rico to become states. Our Founders wisely feared the dangerous concentration of power that would come with giving residents of the nation’s capital privileges reserved for states. Puerto Rico was briefly occupied by the U.S. in 1898 to secure access to the Panama Canal, not to be added as a state. Most Americans reject granting D.C. or Puerto Rico statehood. As Mayor Bowser suggested, will you work to add these states to the union?

The American people deserve a response to these questions worthy of their seriousness and stakes. Our republic has thrived for centuries because of our Founders’ vision of checks and balances, separation of powers, and a constitution that upholds basic democratic principles.

We at the Faith & Freedom Coalition ask the Harris-Walz campaign to clearly state its position on these institutions to provide Americans with full information at the ballot box this November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy R Head". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

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Cc: Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, Harris for President Campaign Chair