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CC: DNC Chair Tom Perez

Dear Washington State DNC Members,

The Executive Board of the Environmental and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democrats would like to express our concern about the resolution passed by the DNC Executive Committee on August 10th, which effectively reversed the DNC's previous position of "rejecting corporate PAC contributions from the fossil fuel industry that conflict with our DNC Platform," adopted by the Executive Committee in June via a resolution submitted by Christine Pelosi.

As you know, Citizens United opened the floodgates for anonymously sourced corporate and special interest monies. This has resulted in tremendous pressure on our national committee, elected officials and, we believe, has influenced votes and positions taken that are antithetical to the values and needs of private citizen constituents.

Our goals in sending you this letter are to reiterate the ECC's support of the original ban on these corporate donations to the DNC, and to advise you that:

- The rights of unions and workers to support the Democratic Party will be preserved by effectively striking the words "employers' political action committees" from Tom Perez' August 10th resolution.
- The Perez resolution is already being used as an example of a failure of trust in the DNC.
- Due to the controversy surrounding the Perez resolution, the DNC could see a drop in grassroots donations.

- The act of accepting corporate PAC contributions from the fossil fuel industry is antithetical to the Democratic Party Platform, which states, “**Democrats believe that climate change poses a real and urgent threat to our economy, our national security, and our children’s health and futures, and that Americans deserve the jobs and security that come from becoming the clean energy superpower of the 21st century.**”

We seek your leadership and support for action that reinstates the DNC's position of “rejecting corporate PAC contributions from the fossil fuel industry that conflict with our DNC Platform” and hope that you will join us in advocating for representative and transparent funding of the DNC and, by extension, our Democratic Party candidates.

Thank you for your consideration of our request on this critical issue. The Environmental and Climate Caucus looks forward to your response and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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Washington State Democratic Central Committee Members in bold

References:

Text of Christine Pelosi’s original resolution passed in June 2018:

<https://medium.com/@sfpelosi/democrats-lets-clean-up-our-planet-and-our-politics-oilmoneyout-of-the-dnc-b1102d4311ab>

Text of Perez resolution passed on August 10, 2018:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/b575b9e5364b5673b6f9df3f1/files/222d3906-d801-4d69-8ed6-5e34991ced18/Exec_Labor_Resolution_8.10.18.pdf