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WISCONSIN – In February, Youth Climate Action Team (YCAT) members voted nearly unanimously to endorse Senator Bernie Sanders for the Presidency of the United States. The organization spent months deliberating and analyzing climate, youth, and social justice policies for presidential candidates. As the candidate with the most diverse base of working-class Americans, YCAT members already saw a deep desire for the systemic change Senator Sanders speaks of. Senator Sanders’ support among young people is unmatched by any other candidate in the field, his appeal to young voters will literally make or break the election in 2020.

Our organization aims to advocate for climate policies that uplift, provide resources to, and include communities that have been historically underrepresented. Bernie Sanders reflects those ideas and our belief that the cause of our crisis are the systems we are confined to which is why his support for the most monumental climate legislation in the history of this country is so crucial. “We need a Green New Deal. We need to completely reconstruct our systems so they work for the people, not corporations, and there is only one presidential candidate that is ready to take on that responsibility, Bernie Sanders,” said Ayanna Lee, the Executive Director of the Youth Climate Action Team.

Bernie Sanders, unlike any other presidential candidate, has a historic record of fighting against injustices, standing with historically underrepresented communities, and being an outspoken advocate for people and not money. In this race, consistency is everything and we’re eager to back the candidate who’s kept their promises and stayed true to their message regardless of external forces. Senator Sanders has proven he has the ability to build broad coalitions with grassroots support from working-class Americans, this is how we defeat Donald Trump, not by accepting millions of corporate dollars.

Ultimately it’s about dismantling systems of oppression which have plagued this country for decades, Bernie Sanders is committed to that cause. “Instead of focusing on sometimes inaccessible individual
actions, Bernie will center his efforts around dismantling the systems of oppression that have gotten us in his crisis,” said Stephanie Salgado, an organizer with Youth Climate Action Team.

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*About the Youth Climate Action Team (YCAT)* - Formed in early 2019, the Youth Climate Action Team is a Wisconsin-based group run by young people who are committed to furthering climate action in the state. After the group planned a climate strike that drew 2,000 people in March, the team has continued to empower other young people to fight for climate justice.