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Harris

As a proud Navy veteran, I fully support Vice President Kamala Harris for president. Our country is facing an unprecedented threat to our democracy. We need, and deserve, a leader who can stand up and fight for our basic values, and that leader is Harris.

Like veterans, Harris is deeply committed to defending the Constitution and our freedoms. From protecting voting rights to reproductive freedom, she has held the line against convicted felon, former President Donald Trump's anti-freedom agenda. As a former prosecutor, Harris is uniquely equipped to hold Trump accountable for his criminality and corruption, and her strength and grace under pressure will draw a sharp contrast with Trump's chaotic and reckless style.

Harris shows a deep respect for those who served. Instead of using veterans as props while calling us "suckers" and "losers" behind our backs, Harris has championed expanded Veterans Affairs benefits and housing assistance for veterans, and proposed a fix for the "other-than-honorable" discharges that have resulted in benefits being unfairly denied to hundreds of thousands of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Her commitment to our community is unwavering, and she will continue to fight for us as president.

Let's honor our service by supporting Harris. She will protect the freedoms we fought for and ensure a brighter future for all Americans.

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