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Green Party National Committee

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Libertarian National Committee

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Republican National Committee

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Keep the Promise III

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New Day for America

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Dear Colleagues:

RE: Political Campaign Engagement with Minority-Owned Media

We write to appeal to each of you to confirm that minority-owned media will be included as a major component of your advertising plans throughout the 2016 campaign.

Our constituents, comprising nearly 30% of the electorate, want and deserve to hear from all sides of public policy debates.

For nearly 200 years, minority-owned media has been the benchmark for credibility and the key to generating enthusiastic engagement by voters of color. For this reason, ads in minority publications have enormous impact relative to their cost.

Credibility and engagement of voters must be earned over time from the beginning to the end of campaigns. They cannot be produced with a twenty-year-old recycled ad template published in the final two weeks of a campaign – a pattern that we have seen appear every two years.

Placing ads throughout the campaign, in newspapers, websites, or broadcast stations that represent voters of color, demonstrates that the candidate “walks the walk” of supporting minority entrepreneurship. This remains an issue of profound importance to voters of color and is a key issue on which all of the parties and candidates should agree.

At your disposal are a host of minority-owned media outlets: over 400 newspapers, over 500 radio stations, over two dozen widely read minority-owned political and social justice websites, and over a dozen widely viewed cable channels. We can provide lists of these outlets on request.

Please respond within ten days to promptly advise us of your specific plans to use minority-owned print, broadcast, and online media throughout the remainder of this year’s campaign. We look forward to sharing your plans with our constituency.

Sincerely, */

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