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Dear Democratic Colleague:

As we develop our agenda for the 116th Congress, we need trusted leaders who have fought and will continue to fight for every community.

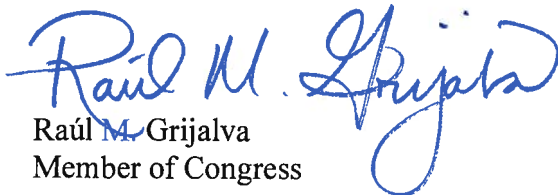
Barbara Lee is one of those leaders. At a time when communities of color and vulnerable communities are under increasing attack, we need an effective and proven leader that will fight for our priorities and ensure that voices from across the Democratic Caucus are uplifted. That is why I am proud to support Congresswoman Lee for Democratic Caucus Chair and hope that you will join me in supporting her as well.

Congresswoman Lee has worked tirelessly to build consensus across our Caucus. From fighting for access to affordable health care to economic justice, comprehensive immigration reform and confronting poverty, Barbara has been on the front lines. During her tenure as Chair of the CBC, she worked to strengthen the Tri-Caucus and ensured that the issues the Tri-Caucus advocates for have been at the center of the discussion within the Caucus. She has fought tooth-and-nail to protect programs like Head Start and the Affordable Care Act – and our environment – from attacks by the Trump administration.

The 116th Congress will be the most the most diverse in our nation's history – our leadership team should be too. Barbara has proven experience finding common ground and forging consensus, without compromising on the fundamental principles that bind us a Caucus. I am confident that as Caucus Chair, Barbara will fight for *every* voice to be at the table, so that we can address the expectations from the American people, who have given us the majority.

I hope you will join me in supporting Barbara for Democratic Caucus Chair.

Sincerely,


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