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Dear Democratic Colleague:

This week, we will vote for our leadership for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress with a strong Democratic majority. It is with that spirit that I enthusiastically endorse my friend Barbara Lee for Democratic Caucus Chair.

Barbara has a proven track record of leadership and results. As a member of the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, she has fought tirelessly against Republican attacks on programs that support our basic quality of life and help lift families out of poverty and into the middle class. Barbara also understands that American families are working harder than ever before but far too many continue to struggle to make ends meet. That is why she has advocated for increasing the minimum wage, stronger protection for workers on the job, and connecting disadvantaged workers to programs and services that help close the skills gap.

And as a single mother and former social worker, Barbara understands the importance of educational opportunity for every student. That is why she has fought for aggressive enforcement of our nation's civil rights laws and reducing the racially-charged school-to-prison pipeline. Simply put, Barbara has the strength, the innovative ideas, and the vision to ensure that our government is acting in the best interest of all Americans, not just the wealthy few.

Barbara is also a consensus builder who will gather input from all Members to ensure that the diverse opinions of our caucus are heard and considered. That is why during these perilous times with a Republican White House and Senate, we need a proven and effective leader who is not afraid to fight for every Member of our caucus and is ready to deliver results for the American people. Barbara's tenacity, effective coalition building, and experience make her the best candidate for this job.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Scott".

ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT  
Member of Congress