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Dear Democratic Colleagues:

Congratulations on winning a Democratic majority. Thanks to your hard work and leadership, Democrats hold the majority. But our work has only just begun. In order to deliver results for the American people, we need an inclusive leadership team that will hit the ground running on day one.

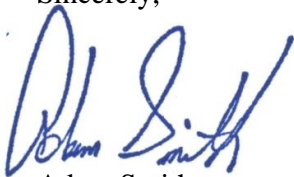
That's why I'm proud to support Congresswoman Barbara Lee for Democratic Caucus Chair - and I hope you will join me.

Congresswoman Lee is a proven progressive leader, an effective consensus builder, and a thoughtful legislator. Her persistence in advocating for reinstating Congress' role in and oversight of the United States' military engagement abroad has earned her respect and support from members across the political spectrum. And her bipartisan work to address the international AIDS epidemic through the creation of the PEPFAR program has helped save countless lives around the world.

As we develop our agenda for the new Congress, it will be more important than ever to have leaders who know how to build consensus, find common ground, and work across the aisle without compromising our fundamental principles. As a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Barbara has demonstrative experience in bringing diverse perspectives together to advance our shared goals. And she has a clear vision and roadmap to do that through her Connected Caucus agenda.

The diversity of backgrounds, experiences and ideas within our caucus is one of our greatest strength. That is why I have no doubt that Barbara is the right person for this job. She will fight for every voice at the leadership table and ensure that the values of our nation are upheld. I hope you will join me in supporting Barbara Lee for Caucus Chair. We need her voice now, more than ever.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress