

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Friends,

In January, we will have an opportunity to restore government by and for the people. With the lawlessness and corruption of this White House, we need trusted, principled and effective Democratic leadership to protect our democracy and move our agenda forward.

That's why I am supporting my friend and colleague, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, in her bid for Democratic Caucus Chair.

Barbara and I represent very different parts of the country. Throughout her career, Barbara has proven herself to be a unifying figure who connects with people from all walks of life and crafts policy based on our shared values and common ground.

Through her work on the Appropriations and Budget Committees, she has fought tirelessly for everyday families – championing investments in nutrition assistance, infrastructure programs, support for our veterans, and lifesaving health care services. In the wake of catastrophic storms and unprecedented fires, she has helped devastated communities recover and rebuild. Barbara has proven herself to be a principled and pragmatic leader, an effective legislator, and a mentor to many in our caucus.

As Caucus Chair, Barbara will uplift, empower, and include every member of our caucus. She will be a voice for all of us, from every region, ideology, and background. Her bid is grounded in her ideas for the caucus, as laid out in her Connected Caucus agenda. I have no doubt that with Barbara's leadership, our caucus will be stronger, more connected, and more collaborative than ever.

I'm proud to support Barbara's candidacy, and I hope you will join me in electing her as our next Democratic Caucus Chair.

Sincerely,



BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Member of Congress