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The Honorable Chris Coons  
U.S. Senator from Delaware  
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Joe Biden’s mom had a saying: “You’re defined by your courage and redeemed by your loyalty.”

Four years ago, I had the honor of helping nominate Joe Biden at our convention. I spoke about Joe’s faith, his family, and his determination to restore the soul of our nation. In 2020, America was nearly flat on our back from a deadly pandemic, an economic collapse, and then, in January, an assault on our democracy. The drama and chaos of the former President had knocked us down.

But Joe Biden’s courage gave us hope and confidence.

Someone who has been knocked down by life time and again, Joe Biden knows the grit and determination of the American people—he believed in us. And he helped us get back up again.

Using skills from years in the Senate, Joe got passed and signed into law more consequential legislation than any president in nearly 60 years. Veterans, gun safety, bridges and broadband, manufacturing. Together, Joe and Kamala helped rebuild our economy from the middle out and the bottom up—made our families safer and our country stronger, at home and abroad. Today, we are so much better off, because they believed in us—in our democracy.

Now, Joe and Jill: You’ve done so much for us. And there’s much more to do, together.

Thank you, Mr. President, for elevating a great leader in Kamala Harris. Thank you, Kamala, for choosing a great running mate with a heart for the middle class, like yours, in Governor Tim Walz. I’ve never known a more compassionate man than Joe Biden. I’ve never known a man who has taken from his own loss and his own faith, and delivered so much for the future of so many others.

Mr. President—you were my Senator, you are my President, and you will always be my friend.

On behalf of our country, Joe, for your courage in fighting for our democracy, we thank you. On behalf of our Democratic party—for your loyalty in fighting for our values—we thank you. On behalf of Delaware, thank you, Joe. We love you.

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