## FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY//NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION \*\* \*\* EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY \*\* The Honorable Jason Crow Member of U.S. House of Representatives, Colorado Democratic National Convention Thursday, August 22, 2024 Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

Before serving in Congress, I was a paratrooper and an Army Ranger. Over 100 combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan taught me what it really takes to make America strong and secure.

It's not tough talk or chest-thumping. Because in war, talk is cheap. And trust me, I know a couch commando when I see one.

Real strength and security come from our people and our allies. Donald Trump's Project 2025 would abandon our troops, our veterans, our allies, and our principles.

In Chapter 4, Trump plans to do Putin's bidding by abandoning Ukraine and walking away from our NATO allies. In Chapters 2 and 3, he plans to fire national security and military professionals and replace them with loyalists.

But I refuse to let Trump's golf buddies decide how and when our troops are sent to war. When we join the military we raise our right hand and we take the oath—we know it comes with sacrifice, but it also comes with a promise that America will have our back.

Trump will break that promise. In Chapter 20 of Project 2025, he plans to slash veterans benefits and privatize VA health care.

As a paratrooper, the leader of the unit jumps first and then others follow. Leaders go first. But Trump would push your son or daughter out of the plane and abandon them when they come home.

Our troops deserve a commander in chief who will always have their back. That leader is Kamala Harris.

And together we will make Kamala Harris our next commander in chief!

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