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The Honorable Keith Ellison
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I'll never forget when I first saw the video of the murder of George Floyd. I was heartbroken and angry. That morning, my phone rang. It was Governor Tim Walz. He felt the same way.

A few days later, Tim appointed me to prosecute Floyd's murder. Almost a year after that, minutes after the guilty verdict came down, my phone rang again. It was Vice President Kamala Harris, calling to congratulate my team and me for the work.

Kamala and Tim understand the legacy of George Floyd: No one is above the law, and no one is beneath it. No one is outside our circle of compassion. In the Republican Party, everyone thinks they're above the law. Hell, nearly a dozen of their own lawyers are facing serious charges. Even their lawyers need lawyers. These con artists are trafficking in the defective goods of division, exclusion, and fear. Friends, selling defective goods is a scam.

Like Kamala Harris, I'm an attorney general—and attorneys general know a scam when we see one. America, we won't be scammed again. We're not going back. We're going forward—and Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are ready to lead us there.

I've worked side by side with Tim Walz for 18 years. His office is right across the hall from mine, and I've seen him deliver for the people of Minnesota every day. Everybody knows Minnesota is one of the best states to live, raise a family, and do business. And we've got the best voter turnout in America.

Kamala and Tim fight for the people. And they listen. When we say we need a ceasefire, and an end to the loss of innocent lives in Gaza, and to bring our hostages home, they're listening to us—and they agree with us.

There are people watching tonight, and maybe even here tonight, who aren't sure yet about Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. If you want to know where they stand on some of the most urgent issues facing the country and the world today—let me assure you: Kamala and Tim hear you. They listen. They care. Everyone is included in their circle of compassion. They believe everybody counts and everybody matters.

Let's put a stop to the scam of Donald Trump, once and for all. Let's put Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the White House!

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