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Good evening, America! And hello, Alabama!

I'm running for Alabama's 2nd district, home to the Tuskegee Airmen, the Montgomery bus boycott, and Rosa Parks—it's where the civil rights movement was born.

And of course it's the home of Mr. Good Trouble himself—Congressman John Lewis.

My pathway here was paved by a legacy of fighters including my mother, Vivian Davis Figures, an Alabama state senator, and my late father, Michael Figures, also a state senator and lawyer who sued the Klan into bankruptcy.

All of America—all of us—owe a debt to courageous freedom fighters both known and unknown that can never be repaid. But what we can do is ensure that the work of those who came before us continues, and that our sacred right to vote is always protected.

Kamala Harris gets this. She's working to protect our freedoms, and she'll sign into law the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

As Kendrick Lamar reminded us, "Sometimes you gotta pop out and show 'em."

America, it's time we pop out and vote.

From California, to Alabama, and all across America, we're going forward with Kamala Harris as the next president of the United States!

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