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Good evening! I have a confession to make: I'm a lifelong Republican. So, I feel a little out of place tonight. But I feel more at home here than in today's Republican Party.

Our Grand Old Party has been kidnapped by extremists and devolved into a cult. The cult of Donald Trump. Trump doesn't know the first thing about public service. Like a child, he acts purely out of self-interest.

We need an adult in the White House. And we've seen what happens when we don't have one. Trump made a lot of lofty promises: unlimited economic growth, American manufacturing reborn, a secure border.

Turns out, Donald Trump was all talk. He wanted our votes, but he couldn't deliver a thing. But these days, my City of Mesa's on the move. I'm going to ribbon-cuttings every single week. All because Joe Biden and Kamala Harris reached across the aisle. And they delivered for my conservative community and countless more across the country.

My hero, John McCain, taught us how to put country over party. And that's how Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will lead, too.

I have an urgent message for the majority of Americans who, like me, are in the political middle: John McCain's Republican Party is gone. And we don't owe a damned thing to what's been left behind. So let's turn the page. Let's put country first. And let's put the adults in the room our country deserves.

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