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Hello, Chicago! Are you ready to elect Kamala Harris president of the United States?

Friends, like so many of us, my grandparents came here as teenagers, with nothing but hope in their hearts and fire in their bellies. They built their lives in the promised land of Buffalo, New York. A union card meant good work in the steel plant. That steel plant also lifted my parents from a trailer to the middle class.

Like other families in my blue collar community, they believed that with hard work, they could build a better future. Not just for themselves, but for those with less hope and less opportunity.

I'm proud of my roots and the values I learned. Grit, determination, compassion. Kamala Harris and Tim Walz grew up with those same values. And those values have always defined the people of my state. Well...most of us, anyway.

Donald Trump was born a New Yorker, but ended up a fraud, a philanderer, and a felon. He wasn't raised with the New York values I know. He never had to worry about child care costs, groceries, or rent. He never had to worry about anything—or anyone—but himself.

Trust me, America, if you think *you're* tired of Donald Trump, talk to a New Yorker. We've dealt with him for 78 long years: the fraud, the tax dodging, the sham university, the shady charities. We've seen him stiff contractors, rip off workers. He abuses women, brags about it, then takes away their rights! And New Yorkers are sick of it.

So, it's no wonder he had to flee to Mar-a-Lago. Sorry about that, Florida.

Trump hasn't spent much time in New York lately—except to be convicted of 34 felonies. And that's just fine with us, because New York's motto is, "Excelsior: Ever upward." And Trump takes us ever downward.

Because here's what Trump never understood: America isn't a luxury good to be bought and sold by the privileged and powerful few.

America, we just can't afford another four years of that. We have kids to feed. Roads to build. Jobs to create. Real problems to solve. And we need leaders who can get it done.

Trump talked big about bringing back manufacturing jobs. But you know who actually did it?

President Biden and Vice President Harris. Thanks, Joe. Thanks, Kamala.

Look no further than the city of Syracuse, New York, where a company called Micron is building a \$100 billion microchip factory with union labor. It's the largest private investment in American history—and it's going to create 50,000 good-paying jobs.

The Biden-Harris administration has made the most significant investments in our economy in generations. And President Kamala Harris will continue to build an opportunity economy for all.

My friends, history is watching us.

Together, we *must* protect abortion rights. Together, we *must* protect the middle class. Together, we *must* protect the American dream. Together, we *must* elect Kamala Harris president of the United States!

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