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Welcome to the Democracy Convention.

Thanks for the beautiful weather, Chicago. It's been tough on Capitol Hill, where it's not just the heat—it's the stupidity.

We meet in this great city tonight where Abraham Lincoln was nominated in 1860 to save the Union from fanatical insurrectionists—and where Franklin Delano Roosevelt was renominated by Democrats in 1940 to defeat fascist dictators. Now, we fight in our time to defend our freedom and democracy against the Banana Republicans who have converted Lincoln's party into a dangerous cult of personality.

I will never forget the pounding on the doors of the House chamber on January 6. Hundreds of police officers taunted and attacked, 140 wounded by extremists wielding baseball bats, steel pipes—even American flags.

Five people died and four more officers took their own lives in the days and weeks to come.

All this—after Trump was defeated by more than 7 million votes. Eighty judges rejected every ridiculous claim raised by this sore loser who doesn't know how to take no for an answer—from American voters, American courts, or American women.

Remember what the mob chanted as they stormed the Capitol? “Hang Mike Pence.” Someone should have told Donald Trump the president's job under Article 2 is “to faithfully execute the laws of the United States,” not execute the vice president of the United States.

Pence has now joined two dozen officials from Trump's own administration in denouncing him—the first vice president in more than two centuries *not* to support the president he served with in a general election.

By the way, JD Vance, do you understand why there was a sudden job opening for running mate on the GOP ticket? They tried to kill your predecessor because he wouldn't follow Trump's plan to destroy the votes of millions of people. *Your* votes, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, Nevada, Arizona. We're not going back to that.

Well, one week after that “beautiful day,” as Trump called it, 10 Republicans joined Democrats to impeach Trump for the worst high crime and misdemeanor ever committed by a president: inciting insurrection against our Constitution.

Make no mistake: a man who uses fraud, theft, and violence to take power will commit any crime to keep it. And now Trump's promising to pardon hundreds of his fellow criminal convicts and

insurrectionists.

He's called for the "termination of all rules, regulations and articles, even those ... in the Constitution." Are we the people going to let Trump terminate our Constitution and obliterate the blessings of liberty?

That's right. We are going to elect Kamala Harris—the prosecutor and inspiring public servant—and Coach Walz, and defeat Donald Trump, the career criminal and incorrigible con man, and his pet chameleon, JD Vance.

And let's make it a landslide *so big* that Donald Trump can't even try to steal it. Let's make every vote count and let's make sure every vote is counted. Let's let freedom ring and democracy work.

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