

## **EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY**

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The story of America is the story of progress towards freedom. In just a few generations, my family went from being enslaved in Mississippi, to the first free black family in Muscatine, lowa, to preparing to elect President Kamala Harris.

Progress is happening. The 20-plus million LGBTQ+ Americans are living proof of it. We're your family. Classmates. And neighbors.

Like Daniel, a trans kid in Tucson going to his first prom. Like Eric from San Antonio, who sacrificed in combat and battled to end don't-ask-don't-tell. Like Sandy and Kris, the first same-sex couple to get legally married in California 11 years ago, in a ceremony officiated by Kamala Harris.

Donald Trump wants to erase us. He would ban our health care. Belittle our marriages. Bury our stories. But we're not going anywhere.

Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are true champions for LGBTQ+ freedom.

So tonight, we fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and trans freedom without exception. Equality without exception. Joy without exception.

And when we fight, we win.

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