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Hello America! Thank you to the workers that make this convention happen. Let's never forget how essential all of our labor is.

I come from Appalachia. We kept the lights on in this country for generations. But the wealth made by our broken backs and black lungs never did trickle down. And Washington listened to rich men demanding that we stick with dirty energy at any cost.

Across the country, working-class people are looking for a political home after years of both parties putting profit above people. Trump, a billionaire, says he'll take on the elites but then promises handouts to Big Oil and punches down at anyone different.

Populism that insists we're too different to get along is just divide and conquer by another name. There's another sort of populism with roots in this party that we in West Virginia know well. They called us rednecks back in the 1920s because striking workers from all different races wore red bandanas around their necks as they fought for a living wage.

Their fight yesterday is ours right now. It's our choice to build on this progress and create a political home for the mass of working Americans fighting for control of their government, their workplaces, and their planet.

It's our moment to live up to. Let's get after it.

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