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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
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Wasn't that a great roll call!? Let me hear you if you're ready for President Kamala Harris!

Friends: We're here to talk about one thing—tomorrow. About building a better tomorrow for all Americans. This November, we can choose a brighter, fairer, freer future—or relive the dark night of Trump's American carnage.

Only one candidate will move America forward: Kamala Harris.

Vice President Harris has been the best partner Senate Democrats could've asked for. Under her and President Biden's leadership, Senate Democrats lowered prescription drug prices and created millions of good-paying jobs.

I worked with Kamala Harris when she was Senator Harris, and I saw a leader who was fearless, who stood up for middle-class families like the one she was raised in, who focused on the things that really matter: helping parents raise their kids, safe neighborhoods, safe schools, and building an opportunity economy that gives everyone a shot at the American dream.

She will lead America forward into a brighter future. But, she can't do it alone. She needs a Democratic majority in the Senate. Two years ago, the naysayers said Senate Democrats stood no chance in the midterms. I told them: "Just you wait! We're going to keep the Senate—and maybe pick up a seat." And that's exactly what happened.

Well, I am telling all of you now: This year, we are going to hold the Senate again—and are poised to pick up seats. A Democratic majority to create good-paying jobs and lower costs. To defend a woman's right to choose. To deliver for communities back home.

Like Jacky Rosen, delivering high-speed rail for Nevada. Jon Tester, bringing high-tech jobs to Montana. And Bob Casey and Sherrod Brown and Tammy Baldwin and Martin Heinrich, fixing bridges in Pennsylvania and Ohio and Wisconsin and New Mexico. We also have amazing candidates: Ruben Gallego, Angela Alsobrooks, Andy Kim, Elissa Slotkin, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Colin Allred, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, and more—more than half of them being candidates of color.

Compare that with Senate Republicans. Senate Republicans pretend to care about middle-class families, but they voted no on expanding the child tax credit. JD Vance didn't even show up to vote. Senate Republicans pretend to care about the border, but they voted no on the strongest border bill in a decade. Republicans pretend to care about freedom, but they voted no on a woman's right to choose, no to safeguard IVF, no to birth control. That is just a taste of their extreme agenda.

Is that what we want for America? Do we want a Republican Senate that assaults reproductive

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freedoms? Do we want a Republican Senate that cuts taxes for the rich and rigs the game for Big Oil and Big Pharma? Well, the choice is ours.

Let me close on a personal note. As the highest-ranking Jewish elected official in American history, I want my grandkids—and all grandkids—to never face discrimination because of who they are. But Donald Trump—this is a guy who peddles antisemitic stereotypes. He even invited a white supremacist to Mar-a-Lago.

And his prejudice goes in all directions. He fuels Islamophobia and issued a Muslim ban as President. Tonight, I am wearing this blue square to stand up against antisemitism and all hate.

Our children and grandchildren—no matter their race or creed or gender or family—deserve better than Donald Trump’s American carnage.

Are you ready to make sure Donald Trump never gets near the White House again?

So, let’s come together, and turn the page. Let’s elect Kamala Harris, Tim Walz, and a Democratic majority in the Senate—and keep the torch of freedom burning bright for generations to come.

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