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Olivia Troye Former Trump administration national security official Democratic National Convention Wednesday, August 21, 2024 Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

Four years ago, I resigned from the Trump administration. As a Republican who dreamed of working in the White House, it was a hard decision. But as an American, it was the right one.

I saw how Donald Trump undermined our intelligence community, military leaders, and, ultimately, our democratic process. Now, he's doing it again, lying and laying the groundwork to undermine this election.

It's his M.O. to sow doubt and division. That's what Trump wants because it's the only way he wins. And that's what our foreign adversaries want. Because it's the only way they win.

Being inside Trump's White House was terrifying. But what keeps me up at night is what'll happen if he gets back there. The guardrails are gone. The few adults in the room the first time resigned or were fired.

I grew up in the kind of working family Trump pretends to care about. Conservative. Catholic. Texan. July 4th was our most sacred holiday. Those values made me a Republican. And they're the same values that make me proud to support Kamala Harris. Not because we agree on every issue. But because we agree on the most important issue: protecting our freedoms.

So to my fellow Republicans: You aren't voting for a Democrat. You're voting for democracy! You aren't betraying our party, you're standing up for our country.

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