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President-Elect Barack Obama
Transition Team
451 6th Street, NW
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Dear President-Elect Obama:

First, and foremost, on behalf of the Democratic National Committee's Youth Coordinating Council, we want to congratulate you on your election as President of the United States. We look forward to working with you in these next several years.

The Democratic National Committee's Youth Coordinating Council (Youth Council) was formally constituted as a council of the DNC in December 2005. The goal of the Youth Council is to increase opportunities and improve participation by young people, under age 36, in the activities and structure at all levels of the Democratic Party. We are the officially sanctioned arm of the Democratic Party that brings together all youth groups.

Young voters played a pivotal role in this year's election. Currently, young people make up 22 percent of the overall eligible electorate and by 2010 will make 30 percent. Young voters are an important demographic that cannot be neglected.

As such, as you prepare your transition into the White House, we respectfully request that you establish an official position within the White House Office of Public Liaison for that of a Youth Liaison.

The Youth Liaison would be tasked with working with various youth organizations on policy initiatives, communication updates, and other outreach efforts to young voters. We believe this is an essential position in your new administration. Some wonderful young Democratic professionals to consider are Tom Manatos, Crystal Strait, Thomas Bates, Matt Singer, Jason Rae, Jane Fleming Kleeb, Amber Goodwin and A'shanti Fayshel Gholar.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Democratically Yours,

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