

Friends,

We write today to publicly announce our support for Vice President Biden, to urge him to join the Presidential race, and to pledge our support if he does.

Today, we celebrate sixty-six consecutive months of private-sector job creation, the lowest unemployment rate in over seven years, new health insurance policies for nearly nine million Americans who used to live in fear of getting sick, and the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The air we breathe is cleaner, our financial institutions are more stable, and every American is free to serve in the military and marry the person they love. The Obama-Biden administration has been a spectacular success. But much work remains to be done.

To finish the job, America needs a leader who is respected both home and abroad, and who understands the real challenges facing American families. In our opinion, the next president must be Joe Biden. If he announces he's running, we're all in. It's a campaign we know he will win.

Joe Biden is an authentic leader who has always lived by the values he learned from his family – values he expresses eloquently every day. He has known profound suffering and unimaginable loss, yet he has been a paragon of perseverance in the face of adversity. In his public life, he has been a champion of justice and an advocate for Americans who work hard and play by the rules. His expertise in foreign affairs is unmatched, and his knowledge of domestic policy is deep and broad. No one is better prepared for the Presidency than Joe Biden.

Moreover, as the Vice President has deliberated with his family and close friends, every American has had the chance to see Joe Biden the person, the man who is not only an unquestionable patriot, but the man who is the caring father of his children, grandfather, husband and brother. Through this window we see ourselves; and thus so many have come to understand why he really is a different kind of leader. He is the right candidate for these times.

By signing this letter, we are saying that we are in: that we are ready if he's ready. We are going to be calling our friends, co-workers and associates to do the same. Whatever the Vice President needs, he can count on us. We owe it to him and we owe it to the country that we so love.

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