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Dear Mr President-elect,

On behalf of the Liberal International - the world federation of 100 liberal-democratic political parties - I extend my warm congratulations on your election victory and the historic success for the Democrat Party. It is no exaggeration to say that the eyes of the world watched anxiously and, ultimately, with relief as the results of last week's election became certain.

The past four years of mis-governance in the United States has cast a menacing shadow over freedom, human rights, and the rule of law around the world. The determination of your predecessor to marginalise moral imperatives, to favour ego over evidence, reduced the wider liberal international order to a rudderless vessel, poorly provisioned against a rising tide of populist-nationalism, climate change, and a global pandemic.

The challenges before you are great, Mr President-elect. At home and abroad, politics has been weaponised by autocrats as a tool to exacerbate rather than resolve our differences. Where America retreated, power-hungry authoritarians have slipped in and international institutions have been weakened.

For our part, Liberal International has reached out to and coordinated with moderate and progressive forces globally. We have been outspoken out at the highest levels, including the United Nations, when we have observed injustice. But the political aftershocks of the Trump administration will continue to be felt keenly for some time by scores of our liberal-democratic political parties, now in opposition, in countries as far-ranging as the Philippines to Nicaragua and Russia.

Our mission now must be to re-embrace multilateralism. To unite and strengthen liberal democratic traditions the world over. To tackle climate injustice. In doing so you will truly make America great.

I am confident that you will leave your country in far better shape than that in which you found it but we should not delude ourselves that there is much work to be done; I write to you today to emphasise that in pursuit of this brighter future you have a dedicated and reliable partner in Liberal International.

Sincerely,



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President, Liberal International

UN Climate Champion

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