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Dear State RNC Leadership,

Each election cycle offers voters distinct differences, and leaders like you help define and shape those between the parties and candidates. On the human rights issue of our day – abortion – the divide between the Republican and Democratic Parties have been profound, with voter intensity providing Republicans a reliable boost for decades. On behalf of the Pro-Life Generation, I am interested in a conversation and asking you to choose platform committee representatives committed to protecting the GOP's legacy as champions of hope and a future in a race where every vote counts as never before.

The Democratic Party advocates and fights for abortion without limits, funded by taxpayers, without regard for conscience rights of medical workers, up to and including support for withholding medical care for infants born during botched abortions. Pro-life Americans are not against the Democratic Party ... the party is against them, pushing a radical agenda out of touch with the vast majority of Americans. That hostility has been a boon to the GOP, where a compassionate alternative was available.

Defining that distinction between the Democratic Party that will limit no abortion and the Republican Party with a different world view will be vital for social issue voters this November. The Republican Party has long understood the reality of President Ronald Reagan's coalition – balanced on the three-legged stool of conservatism – National Defense Conservatives, Economic Conservatives, and Social Issue Conservatives, which included Reagan Democrats who were disenchanted with the increasing radicalism of their party. In fact, fighting for the human rights of human beings was a commitment that President Abraham Lincoln exemplified at the founding of the Republican Party.

That's the kind of winning coalition we need today!

President Biden offers nothing but abortion this election. Rather than address the tragic consequences of his policies leading to suffering for the nation, he offers abortion to perhaps reduce the number of those suffering under what he calls leadership. That is a pathetic lack of vision.

The GOP Platform represents the aspirations of the Republican Party as well as short term and long term goals. Setting the parties apart since the earliest days of *Roe v. Wade* has been a commitment to protecting life in law and in service. To give social conservatives a reason to vote, we want to ensure that those ideals are not thrown away or weakened based on the mistaken view that voters won't notice if no pro-life choice exists.

As I've written in the [*Washington Times*](#), "the [Republican Party](#) lately makes a risky bet — that undercutting the principled position on human life will appeal to moderates who favor abortion

access or independents who will never turn out in numbers to vote for the [GOP](#) on this issue. The [party](#) loses voter enthusiasm, loses the moral high ground, and loses credibility.”

First: Please go to studentsforlifeaction.org/rncpledge and commit to protecting life in law and in service in the GOP Platform.

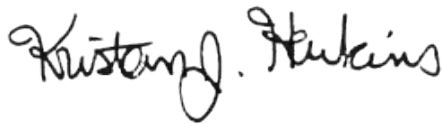
Second: Please take time for a conversation with our team on the importance of protecting the GOP Platform as an aspirational document, not just in this cycle, but for years to come.

In addition, as part of our outreach, we are engaging our nationwide network in all 50 states, letting them know that they need to be paying attention to the platform discussion and make their pro-life views known, to ensure that voters in this cycle and every cycle will be able to Vote Pro-Life First. That initiative can be found here: studentsforlifeaction.org/rnc.

The Pro-Life Generation looks forward to working with you to defend and support mothers and their children, born and preborn.

Regards,

Kristan Hawkins

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan J. Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President, *Students for Life of America* and *Students for Life Action*