Statement from DNC Unity Reform Commission Chair and Vice Chair

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Unity Reform Commission Chair Jennifer O'Malley Dillon and Vice Chair Larry Cohen:

"We are a party united by our values of inclusion and opportunity for all. And this weekend, we started working on an important process that will better prepare us for elections on the horizon.

"The 2016 primary season prompted the delegates of the Democratic National Convention to call for a review of our Party's nominating process, with a specific focus on ensuring the system is accessible, transparent, and inclusive. This review will be conducted by the members of the Unity Reform Commission, which we jointly chair.

"The Unity Reform Commission will be making recommendations on several important areas that will allow us to continue building an inclusive Democratic Party moving forward. More specifically, these recommendations will concentrate on the following areas:

Increasing participation in the presidential nominating process Empowering the party and its candidates to be more competitive in all regions Involving new and unaffiliated voters

Reviewing the role of unpledged delegates in the presidential nominating process

Supporting redistricting efforts

Broadening the base of the party at the grassroots level

Expanding the DNC's donor base

"In today's political climate, it is more important than ever that Democrats get serious about our party, our values, and our future, and the meetings of this weekend was a productive first step in that direction. We look forward to getting to work with the diverse and talented members of the Unity Reform Commission to fortify our party to meet every electoral challenge ahead."



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