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To the Democratic National Committee:

My list of priorities is as follows:

- 1) Impeachment, impeachment, impeachment, impeachment. How many times do party members (and others) have to say it? Does the party leadership care about the ongoing decimation of our rights and the Constitution, the warmongering, the lying, etc., etc.? The situation worsens daily. It will not stop until this administration and its supporters are exposed, brought to justice, and removed from office.
- 2) An independent, thorough, public investigation into 9-11, with subpoena power and all witnesses testifying under oath. The NYC 9/11 Ballot Initiative has set up an investigative panel that includes former Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee.
- 3) Here's one of your priorities -- get us out of Iraq. Completely. No permanent presence, no military bases, and no 21+-building embassy compound.
- 4) Re-open dialogue with Iran. They had been engaging in high-level diplomacy with us, ready to formally recognize Israel (see Esquire's "The Secret History of the Impending War with Iran") but the Bush administration wanted an axis of evil and a pretext for a pre-emptive strike. The Iranian President's comments about Israel were mis-translated. Are you alright with the people of Iran, our neighbors, being attacked?
- 5) Repeal the Patriot Act.
- 6) Restore the status of the indigenous American people. Give them voice in our government; a council of tribal representatives should be involved in the policymaking of this country. Recognize their tribes -- all of them. Pay them all the back royalties plus penalties we owe them. Redress the enormous wrongs we have done them; name it the genocide it was. Turnover lands to them so that they may be self-sustaining again; in any base closure or land seizure, indigenous groups should be given first right to the land, and any toxic cleanup should be done quickly and at the cost of our nation. Enough is long past enough on this issue!
- 7) Change direction on our foreign policy. Investigate and expose the "American interests"(AKA Big Business)-driven policies that have been going on for years. Expose the work of the CIA in promoting those policies by assassinations, bribery, covert wars, torture, kidnappings, coups, etc., etc. Purge the intelligence community of this terrorist element and bring them to justice. Expose and end black budget projects. Normalize relations with Cuba. Condemn our past and present imperialism. We are just one nation among a world of other nations; advocate and demonstrate an egalitarian attitude of respect for other nations and their peoples.
- 8) Get to work on the ecological disaster that is already happening. There can be no business as usual; that is what has gotten us into this mess in the first place. If the Democrats truly want to be leaders, then get the players, including the First Nations, to the table and get them talking about how we are going to radically

- change course to protect the future. Every aspect of our lives has to be brought to the table including population control. Our economy is not sustainable. Even the entrenched economic players have children and grandchildren for whom they want a future. Again, we can't continue going the way we've been going.
- 9) Expose and absolutely oppose the weaponization of space.
  - 10) Repeal NAFTA, CAFTA and any other "free" trade agreements. They have been and will continue to be a disaster except to the giant corporations that benefit from them.
  - 11) Affordable health care for all. If anyone can do it, we Americans can certainly figure out a way of making it work.
  - 12) Be a progressive party. Stop being a shill to Big Business. Practice transparency. Stop being virtually indistinguishable at times from the worst aspects of the Republican Party.
  - 13) Start being courageous and practicing some backbone. We out here want our leaders, Republican, Democrat and any other party, to stand for truth; we don't want politicians and power brokers. If you stand for power, prestige, and business as usual, you are of no use to us and this great country. Many of us are active participants in this democracy, and we expect the leaders we've voted for to participate with us.

Several months back, you sent out a mailing with the theme "Enough is Enough". I agree. Either revamp the Democratic party or get out of our way, because increasing numbers of the American people have had it with the people in our government and political system. This world needs leaders, truth, integrity, and justice. We voters are becoming more and more active as leaders in our communities and spokespeople for our struggling democracy. And we mean to continue being active participants; that's what a democracy necessitates. We've delegated our voice to party leaderships and elected officials for far too long. But no more.

I hope this party can become a party of the people,