



REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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CHAIRWOMAN

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Leaders of the Faith Community,

The Republican Party is the party of the single largest faith-based voting bloc in the United States: evangelical Christians. At the Republican National Committee, we have profound respect for this critical constituency with whom we share the same pro-family, pro-life values -- values currently under attack by President Biden and today's Democrat Party.

As RNC Chairwoman, I am proud to defend the Republican Party platform that was adopted in 2016 and reaffirmed in 2020, including on the issues of traditional marriage, parental rights, and the rights of the unborn. I am also committed to exposing and publicly tracking the Biden-Harris administrations' attacks on religious liberty, and I remain dedicated to restoring the gains that President Trump made for the faith community.

In 2020, President Trump received over 74 million votes -- more than any Republican in our party's history and 13 million more votes than he received in 2016. He understood that conservative, Republican policies work for every American. He also created the largest outreach operation in our Party's history, reaching out to every American from every background to help make our country great again and fight the radical, socialist, anti-religion agenda of the Democrat Party. The Trump campaign had Black, Hispanic, Asian, Youth, Veteran, Catholic, Jewish, Evangelical, and Pride outreach groups all working to bring new voters into our party.

The Republican National Committee recognizes the success of President Trump's outreach efforts and the gains we saw among every group he engaged. The RNC has replicated the Trump outreach program and over the past year we have opened Black, Hispanic, and Asian outreach offices across the country, as well as our first ever Native American outreach office. We currently have three staff members dedicated to our faith outreach efforts, which we are expanding to become the largest faith outreach operation in Party history. We also have youth and veteran outreach staff, and we recently hired a staff member for outreach efforts to gay Americans.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the falsehoods that have circulated from the news media and others about the role of our new gay American outreach position.

The Republican Party Platform:

The hiring of a staff member to do outreach to the gay community in no way changed our platform. The Republican Party's platform was written, debated, and adopted at the 2016 Republican National Convention and reaffirmed at the 2020 Republican National Convention.

The responsibilities of this new staff member include managing voter registration drives and recruiting volunteers to participate in GOTV efforts. It does not include partnering in any way with organizations that are diametrically opposed to our platform or principles.

The job of the RNC is to get out the vote for Republican candidates up and down the ballot. It is not to make policy or attempt to enact changes to Republican Party principles.

“Partnership” with Log Cabin Republicans:

It has been wrongly reported that this new position is a “partnership” with the Log Cabin Republicans. This is not true, and it was never our intention for it to be portrayed that way. The RNC cannot formally partner with any soft money organization, including this one.

The goal of RNC outreach positions like this one is to convince new voters to support the principles of our Party and vote Republican. It is not about allowing other organizations to force their agendas on us.

As I have continually said to anyone who has reached out to me on this issue over the past few weeks, inviting new voters into our party does not in any way signal that we will change our ironclad conservative principles and is in no way an attempt to change the platform. Despite this, there continues to be an effort to distort the commitment I have to our party and our platform and try to paint my support for inviting new voters into our party as an embrace of radical agendas, which I vehemently oppose. I hope this letter helps clarify the matter.

This experience has also led me to have many thoughtful and positive conversations with RNC members and leaders in the faith community over the last several weeks. The initial title of this outreach group was a “pride coalition,” continuing with the same language from President Trump’s campaign. Some have a concern with the word “coalition” which implies coordination and support with groups that do not support our platform. I can assure concerned parties that this is absolutely not the case.

There are similar concerns about the word “pride” which to some signals support for a movement that does not align with our conservative principles. We’ve been asked to reconsider this language, and we are doing so: we will no longer use “pride coalition” and instead use “Republican gay outreach,” which is consistent with the other outreach programs within our strategic initiatives program.

I have also heard from many of you about the importance of ensuring faith-based leaders are part of the process of advising Republican National Committee members on drafting our next party platform for 2024. Because of this, I will be forming a “Conservative Advisory Working Group on the Platform,” which will be made up of a group of conservative leaders to help the RNC as it prepares for the adoption of our next platform.

We value the feedback from our faith-based supporters, who are the heartbeat of our movement. We look forward to working together towards victory in 2022. Our party welcomes every voter willing to help us preserve religious freedom, economic prosperity, rule of law, the rights of parents, and our Constitution.

The RNC will reach out to every voter we can to push back against a Biden administration that is attempting to destroy the nation we know and love.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronna McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and "M".

Ronna McDaniel