## November 30, 2020

Dear Members of Congress,

This election marks a historic turning-point in representation for LGBTQ leaders across the country and at every level of government. In January, we will have a record number of LGBTQ Members of Congress, including new history-making Freshmen. Yet, as a community, we lack adequate representation in Congressional leadership, and risk not having a seat at the table of the party that we provide vital support to.

The success of President-elect Biden, Vice President-elect Harris, and Congressional Democrats can be attributed in-part to the record turnout and organization of LGBTQ+ voters in both the 2018 and 2020 election cycles. More than 80 percent of LGBTQ voters backed Democratic congressional candidates, and nearly 75 percent of registered LGBTQ voters supported the Biden/Harris ticket. LGBTQ+ donors have contributed to and supported Democrats up and down the ticket.

Our influence and voting power is undeniable. We need a seat at the table.

Today, we write to endorse Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's candidacy for Chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and strongly urge you to give an LGBTQ leader a voice and leadership position within the Democratic caucus.

Sean Patrick Maloney is New York's first - and until this election cycle, only - out Member of Congress. He has mentored LGBTQ candidates in New York and nationally, and has helped raise millions for candidates across the country, while also raising nearly \$20 million through his campaign committee and leadership PAC since 2012. He has a strong network of New York and national donors, and is a proven and effective fundraiser.

In addition to his fundraising skills, we are confident that his ability to flip his seat and continuously win in a Trump-carried congressional district will forge a path forward for other Democratic candidates - LGBTQ and straight - in purple or red districts. In order to serve the Biden Administration, Democrats will need to keep and expand their majority, so strong leadership at the DCCC is critical to our success as a party and as a nation.

We are asking that you vote for Sean Patrick Maloney for Chair of the DCCC in this week's upcoming caucus election.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

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