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An Open Letter and Invitation to 2020 Candidates for the Office of President of the United States

Dear :

On behalf of the faith leaders from Quad Cities Interfaith and other affiliates of Gamaliel of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin along with the Lane Evans Legacy Project, we invite you to participate in “The People’s Caucus: Vote Truth to Power,” on January 12, 2020 from 2:30 – 5:30 pm in Davenport, IA. “The People’s Caucus” is designed to provide presidential candidates the ability to engage with ordinary people who are doing extraordinary work in their communities and allow average citizens to hear the candidates’ views on the issues that impact their lives. The format for the event will be similar to a candidates’ forum and will be facilitated by non-partisan individuals in keeping with our 501(c)(3) status.

Gamaliel was founded in 1986 to train community and faith leaders in building political power and creating organizations that unite people of diverse faiths and races. Our two-state network is a faith-based, multi-ethnic, multi-racial community-organizing network comprised of religious leaders and members of their faith institutions, as well as critical partners in organized labor, social service agencies, neighborhood associations, and more.

Our mission is to empower ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives. Gamaliel’s diverse members apply their faith and values to the pursuit of equal opportunity for all, shared abundance, and stronger, more prosperous communities. Our model of community organizing keeps power and authority based in the grassroots and in the people most impacted by the injustices we seek to end.

The Lane Evans Legacy Project aims to inspire a renewed commitment to values-based political leadership. The career and legacy of the late Congressman Lane Evans (D-IL) offers an example of authentic leadership that united people across lines of race, faith and party and spanned the urban-rural divide. Lane’s leadership inspired and helped Vietnam Veterans nationwide and is fondly remembered today by his constituents without regard to their partisan identifications.

As you know, the 2016 presidential election and, more importantly, the 2018 mid-term elections highlighted the critical role that Iowa and other Midwestern states and voters will play in the upcoming 2020 election. For that reason, we believe that “The People’s Caucus” will provide a tremendous opportunity to have a direct conversation with approximately 2000 Midwesterners from Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Our team will follow up with your campaign in the next couple of weeks to answer your questions about the event, as well as to secure your commitment to participate in “The Peoples Caucus.” In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Amber Bordolo at 563-241-2969 Amber@qcinterfaith.org or Erin Saberi 916-952-5080 esaberi@me.com.

We look forward to joining with you in this critical conversation about our religious and democratic values and the issues that are impacting our lives.

Sincerely,



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