Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

No, I will not be contributing to any Democratic Party election campaigns. The Democratic Party has betrayed liberals, misrepresenting gender identity ideology as an “LGBTQ+ rights”/social justice issue, running roughshod over the rights of women and girls and endangering countless young people and vulnerable adults.

No one’s demands should undermine the safety, opportunities, and achievements of women and girls. There is nothing progressive or liberal about destroying Title IX, prioritizing the desires of males over the needs of females, removing the rights to privacy, dignity, and fair competition. There is nothing progressive or liberal about putting men who claim a “female identity” in women’s prisons, as is mandated in Blue states across the country, where they torment and rape vulnerable women.

The Democratic Party has made it a cornerstone to promote “Gender Affirming Care'' (GAC), also known as sex-trait modification — the greatest medical scandal since lobotomies, sold as “lifesaving care” despite evidence very much to the contrary.

It is not progressive or liberal to conduct medical experiments on children and vulnerable adults. The significant risks associated with GAC, particularly when it comes to minors, have been willfully disregarded. Social transition, opposite-sex hormones, and extreme surgical procedures have irreversible effects on a young person’s physical and psychological development. Puberty-blocking medications and opposite-sex hormones can impact bone density, fertility, sexual function, and cognitive development. Genital surgeries carry inherent risks such as sterility and anorgasmia and can have lasting consequences on a person's physical and sexual health which raise serious ethical and medical concerns. Notably, these interventions lack any quality evidence base for the current adolescent and young adult cohort to suggest benefits that offset the harms. Data on adults link surgeries to poor mental health outcomes.

* The Cass Review (https://cass.independent-review.uk/) resulted in an end to the use of puberty blockers for gender distress in England, and characterizes pediatric gender-transition treatment as based on **“remarkably weak evidence.”** The report underscores that **clinicians in this field have operated outside standard medical best practices, following an ideological rather than clinical approach**. Cass also unequivocally states that social transition should be treated with the same caution as prescribing pharmaceuticals, signaling the death knell for the common practice of schools facilitating this psycho-social intervention.
* The World Health Organization admitted in January 2024 that **there is no evidence** to support these treatments in children and adolescents.
* The U.S. is an outlier, and still in the dark ages when it comes to gender medicine. European countries have begun to roll back gender affirming care for youth. Countries like **Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Germany have stepped back from advocating medical interventions for minors**, opting instead for cautious and comprehensive approaches that prioritize psychological support and non-invasive interventions that address underlying factors. (https://www.di-ag.org/the-us-is-an-outlier)

Open debate has been stifled on this urgent issue, resulting in an uninformed populace who believe an evidence-free, homophobic and misogynistic ideology that reinforces regressive sex stereotypes and negates same-sex attraction. Until the Democratic Party can publicly admit that a woman is an adult human female, returns to being the party of science advocating for evidence-based policies that prioritize the well-being and safety of all, and upholds the principles of open debate and free speech, I’ll send my donations elsewhere.