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*“Campaign Within a Campaign” to Mobilize and Reach Republican Harris Voters*

*State Advisory Committees to Lead Organizing Across the Battlegrounds, with Kickoff Events in Arizona,  
North Carolina, and Pennsylvania*

Today, Harris for President is launching *Republicans for Harris*, a grassroots organizing program to further outreach efforts to the millions of Republican voters who continue to reject the chaos, division, and violence of Donald Trump and his Project 2025 agenda. This program will leverage principal travel, on-the-ground organizing efforts, and paid media to reach, persuade, and mobilize Republican voters.

As a part of today's announcement, *Republicans for Harris* includes endorsements by prominent Republican voices from across the country, including former Trump White House officials Stephanie Grisham and Olivia Troye; former Secretaries Chuck Hagel and Ray LaHood; former Governors Jim Edgar, Bill Weld, and Christine Todd Whitman, and former Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan; former members of Congress Rod Chandler, Tom Coleman, Dave Emery, Wayne Gilchrest, Jim Greenwood, Adam Kinzinger, John LeBoutillier, Susan Molinari, Jack Quinn, Denver Riggleman, Claudine Schneider, Christopher Shays, Peter Smith, Alan Steelman, David Trott, and Joe Walsh; Mesa Arizona Mayor John Giles; former GOP State Chair and State Senator Chris Vance; Reed Howard of Young Republicans for Harris; former RNC delegate Rina Shah; and more.

"Donald Trump's MAGA extremism is toxic to the millions of Republicans who no longer believe the party of Donald Trump represents their values and will vote against him again in November. Donald Trump said he doesn't want these voters, but Vice President Harris and our campaign are working overtime to earn the support of my fellow Republicans who care about defending democracy and restoring decency – all of which would be torn away in a second Trump presidency," **said National Director of Republican Outreach Austin Weatherford.** "The Harris campaign understands the power of showing up, making your case, and earning the support of a voter. That is the backbone of our program: showing up and taking the time every single day to earn the votes of Republicans who believe in putting country over party and know that every American deserves a president who will protect their freedoms and a commander in chief who will put the best interests of the American people above their own."

### **Increasing Direct Outreach to Republican Voters**

*Republicans for Harris* will be a "campaign within a campaign" focused on activating and mobilizing local and trusted Republican voices to speak to their friends and family about the importance of voting for the Vice President. This cycle, the campaign has made a significant investment in reaching battleground Haley voters, and last month released "[Unfit](#)," a digital ad focused on the words of Republicans who know Trump best – and know he's unfit for office.

Today's announcement builds on these efforts. Over the course of the next 93 days, Team Harris will also target independent, moderate, and conservative-leaning voters through paid media efforts. Online, we will also leverage a grassroots-driven digital campaign featuring direct to camera testimonials from Republican Harris supporters making their case to fellow Republicans about voting for Vice President Harris.

### **Republicans for Harris State Battleground Programs**

On Monday, *Republicans for Harris* will hold kickoff events in Arizona, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, with many more events across battlegrounds in the weeks to come. Republican surrogates will also appear at events led by Vice President Harris and her chosen running mate on their battleground state tour this week.

*Republicans for Harris* is also engaging voters and organizers by building out State Advisory Committees in battleground states to engage Trump-skeptical Republican voters. These committees will play a pivotal role in facilitating Republican-to-Republican voter contact, including by hosting Republican-featured

events, door knocking, phone banking, spearheading letter-to-the-editor campaigns, and building local networks with Republican organizations, businesses, and community groups.

These State Advisory Committees will also work to foster open conversations about the benefits of supporting Vice President Harris, emphasizing her commitment to bipartisan collaboration and providing accurate information about Harris' policies and achievements.

### **Trump Continues to Push Away Moderate Republican Voters**

While the Harris campaign works to earn every vote, not only is Donald Trump not courting moderate Republican and independent voters – every chance he gets, he attacks and demeans them. Trump and his allies have said anyone who [isn't MAGA](#) isn't welcome in the [Republican Party](#), and that they have to get “rid” of moderate voters and kick them out of the party. Trump's extremism and attacks on democracy aren't just pushing away moderates, but [even leaders from his own cabinet](#) are now refusing to support his candidacy.

**Republican leaders – including those who know Trump best – are standing up this election, putting country over party. Here's what some of them have to say:**

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **former Governor Bill Weld**:*

“Donald Trump belongs nowhere near the White House. With democracy hanging in the balance in this election, I'm standing with Kamala Harris to defeat Donald Trump and his attacks on our democratic institutions. I look forward to working with the *Republicans for Harris* program to bring that message to the hundreds of thousands of moderate Republicans in battleground states who know Donald Trump doesn't represent their beliefs in freedom, democracy, and the Constitution.”

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **former Governor Christine Todd Whitman**:*

“I was a proud Republican, but Donald Trump is unfit to lead our nation. We saw during his four years in office how he consistently chose himself, his pursuit of power, and his billionaire friends over the American people while spewing lies and spreading chaos at every turn. It's time to move forward by electing Vice President Kamala Harris. *Republicans for Harris* will be an important way for us to bring that message to the voters who will decide this election. Now is the time to put country over party and elect Kamala Harris as our next president.”

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **former Congressman Adam Kinzinger**:*

“As a proud conservative, I never thought I'd be endorsing a Democrat for President. But, I know Vice

President Harris will defend our democracy and ensure Donald Trump never returns to the White House. Donald Trump poses a direct threat to fundamental American values. He only cares about himself, and his pursuit of power. That's what we saw on January 6 when he sent a mob to overturn our lawful election, who violently attacked law enforcement and ransacked our nation's Capitol in the process. There's too much at stake to sit on the sidelines, which is why I wholeheartedly endorse Kamala Harris for President. Now is the time for us all to unite to save our democracy and defeat Donald Trump one last time."

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **former Congressman Joe Walsh:***

"I don't agree with Vice President Harris on much, but we agree on preserving our democracy and that Donald Trump should never step foot in the Oval Office again. I am proud to be part of the *Republicans for Harris* program to ensure those in the party of Lincoln who are disgusted by the extremism, by the hatred, and by the lies put forth by Donald Trump, know that they have a place in this campaign, and can join me in voting for Vice President Harris this November."

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **Trump White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham:***

"Serving as his chief spokesperson and one of the longest-serving members of his team, I saw firsthand the lengths Trump was willing to go to stay in power as he did on January 6th, and the lies he so easily told Americans for the length of the Administration. I might not agree with Vice President Kamala Harris on everything, but I know that she will fight for our freedom, protect our democracy, and represent America with honor and dignity on the world stage. I encourage other Trump administration officials who saw the tyrant we worked for in office to speak out and stand with Kamala Harris this November to keep integrity in the White House and ensure democracy for our country."

*The following is a statement from a Republican for Harris, **Trump administration national security official Olivia Troye:***

"As a national security official and lifelong Republican, I witnessed firsthand the threat Donald Trump poses to our country while working in the Trump White House. The stakes are too high to let partisanship jeopardize our freedoms and the Constitution. That's why I'm joining *Republicans for Harris*, to support Vice President Harris and help her earn the support of my fellow Republicans who believe our party and our country deserve better than Donald Trump. Together, we can ensure a safer and stronger future."

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