

1 Hi everyone. I'm Tom Perez, Chair of the Democratic National
2 Committee.

3 As Donald Trump approaches his first 100 days in office, he's
4 struggling to distract from his broken campaign promises and
5 massive legislative failures by trying to present himself as
6 some kind of moderate. We've seen this con before, and we're not
7 taking the bait.

8 The Trump administration's assault on hardworking families began
9 on day one. Just hours after being sworn in, Trump made it
10 harder for first-time home-buyers to buy a home. Days later, he
11 made it harder for families to save for retirement.

12 He nominated a judge to the Supreme Court who wants severely
13 weaken worker protections and turn back the clock on women's
14 reproductive rights.

15 He's targeted immigrants and torn families apart.

16 He tried to ram through a health care bill that would have
17 kicked 24 million Americans off their insurance over the next
18 decade.

19 And his callous and cowardly leadership has only continued this
20 week. On Tuesday, the administration eliminated critical
21 protections for the millions of Americans with student loans.

22 Now just think about that for a second. Instead of expanding
23 opportunity for America's students, President Trump would rather
24 let big corporations bury them under mountains of debt.

25 That's not just bad for students - it hurts our entire economy.
26 If we want to have the most skilled workforce in the world, then
27 we should be encouraging people who want to further their
28 education, not setting them up for bankruptcy.

29 But by ending these protections, President Trump is putting
30 higher education further out of reach for millions of
31 hardworking families.

32 When he's not busy attacking students, Trump continues to lie to
33 the American people by taking credit for jobs he didn't create,
34 while pushing an agenda that would devastate working families,
35 take health care away from millions of people, and potentially
36 plunge our economy back into a recession - all while giving
37 massive tax breaks to wealthy Americans like himself.

38 Donald Trump isn't shaking things up. He's shaking American
39 families down. And Democrats won't let him get away with it.

40 That's why I'm hitting the road next week with Senator Bernie
41 Sanders to speak with folks across the country about how we can
42 come together and fight back for our values.

43 My mentor Ted Kennedy often said that the Democratic Party's
44 cause is one of common people united by common hopes for a
45 better future. For a job that pays a fair wage for a hard day's
46 work. An education that opens the doors of opportunity. Health
47 care for you and your family. And the chance to retire with the
48 dignity and security that every hard-working American deserves.

49 That's what Democrats are fighting for: the basic promise of
50 inclusion and economic opportunity for everyone - from the
51 carpenter in Kentucky to the DREAMer in Nevada. That's what
52 makes our party such a big tent.

53 So when Republicans side with big corporations that squeeze
54 borrowers dry, Democrats will be fighting for students who
55 deserve the chance to go to college without going bankrupt.

56 When Republicans push harmful right-to-work laws, Democrats will
57 be fighting for workers who deserve a better contract and a seat
58 at the negotiating table.

59 And when Republicans try to repeal the Affordable Care Act and
60 impose an age tax on American seniors, Democrats will be

61 fighting to protect health care for millions of families across
62 the country.

63 That's what next week's tour is all about.

64 As President Trump retreats to the golf course while his 100th
65 day in office approaches, Bernie and I will be talking directly
66 to voters about how the Democratic Party is fighting for you.

67 We're hitting 7 states in 6 days, and we'd love to see you at
68 one of the rallies. Just head to fightbacktour.com to learn more
69 and get involved.

70 Have a Happy Easter weekend, and I hope to see some of you on
71 the tour.

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