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MEMORANDUM

To: Democratic Candidates Seeking Office on November 6, 2018

From: Joe L. Reed, Chair

Date: October 17, 2018

RE: Candidate Screening and GOTV Funding

I trust by now that your campaign is in full swing and you are looking forward to victory on November 6, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday. As I told you last week, I will notify you of what your fair share of the GOTV effort will be. It is our intent to print and distribute ballots to counties throughout the state, station workers at the polling places and pay them for passing out guide ballots. Churches and other public places such as barber and beauty shops are to be utilized by voters to access ballots. This is a massive undertaking and volunteers are no longer available. Whether a candidate has a friend of kin, they must pay for the services they receive from the workers just as they pay newspapers, T.V., and radio. Your fair share for the position you seek is \$25,000. Make your check payable to the Democracy Advancement Fund Incorporated, 424 South Decatur Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. If you have any questions regarding this communication, feel free to call me at 334-263-4040.

It has come to my attention that some candidates have discussed withholding GOTV money in the black community through the ADC and other organizations in the November 6 General Election. Whether this rumor is true or false, I do not know, but I wish to warn those who counsel and those who embrace this political folly do so at the grave risk to their campaign and perilous danger to their election. However, I hasten to add that every candidate reserves the right to run and fund his or her campaign as they choose. However, I wish to impress upon each candidate in no small way, the ADC and I personally support all democrats, but the ADC cannot be expected to fund all democrats we support. I am a volunteer. I do not get one dime for working to turn out the vote. No one is doing me a favor by contributing to ADC for his or her own campaign. If no money is available, I will tell the county leaders so they can plan accordingly. Just remember he or she who comes in second "never takes the oath."

The screening schedule is enclosed. I wish each Democrat the very best and I hope we can succeed on election day.

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