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January 8, 2019

Precinct Chairs:

First, *thank you* from the bottom of my heart for your continued support! Two years ago, you and the State Executive Committee entrusted me with the direction of our great Party. I remain humbled and thrilled to serve as your State Chair.

Second, thank you for your dedication as Democratic leaders on the front lines.

Working together, we'll continue to build on the progress we've made the last three years. With your tremendous help, we performed better than any other swing state in 2016 -- by retaking the Executive Mansion, holding the Attorney General's Office, electing an African-American to the N.C. Supreme Court, and making gains in the General Assembly. We also heralded *both* a record turnout of new or first-time attendees to precinct meetings statewide and had more organized precincts across North Carolina in 2017 than the year before. Also noteworthy is our municipal elections track record in 2017: We flipped 22 Republican seats to Democratic and helped elect the first female African-American mayor of Charlotte!

Our progress continued in 2018 with our successfully breaking the awful Republican super-majority in both the state House and Senate chambers, after recruitment of the most diverse slate of Democrats in our state's history! Furthermore, we elected another African-American to the State Supreme Court, won all three Court of Appeals races on the ballot, elected the first LGBT candidate to statewide judicial office in the South, and elected Democratic races for Sheriff and other local offices around North Carolina.

Notwithstanding our 2018 successes, we cannot become complacent: We must organize and get ready in every way possible for the 2019 local elections and 2020 general elections - while still supporting our Governor and helping promote his agenda. All this begins *with you*.

As a former precinct chair myself, I understand the importance of your position. Our precincts are the cornerstone of our party. Without organized precincts, we simply cannot win elections.

**My challenge to you:** Continue organizing as many new precincts as possible this year. Meeting that challenge is the difference between victory and defeat. Though not an easy task, I am confident that with the strength of our Party's organization and the incredible energy we have witnessed over the last 2 years, we will be successful. Like President Obama would say: "Fired up, and ready to go!"

Thank you, again, for your support. I look forward to working with you throughout 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Orr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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