

## Press Release

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## **Statement of the Maryland Chapter, National Organization for Women On the Announcement of Sen. Kamala Harris as the Vice-Presidential Candidate for the Democratic Party**

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, August 12, 2020 – Maryland NOW members are thrilled with Biden’s selection of Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) as his running mate in the U.S. Presidential election on Nov. 3. What she brings to the future of the Democratic Party, the long climb ahead for us out of the carnage of the past three years, and for the future leadership of the United States is almost immeasurable. Maryland NOW members are very heartened by what this says about our chances for survival.

“I was a single mom and she grew up with a single mom, so I think Senator Harris gets it. Her background has given her some very diverse experiences and I believe that helps her relate to all Americans,” said Sandy Bell, Maryland NOW President.

While many things have contributed to massive problems our country faces today, the fact is so few of the people in positions of leadership have lived the lives the huge majority of Americans live every day. Margie Kotzalas, president of the Southern Prince George’s NOW Chapter commented, “Senator Harris is representative of the American people. As a woman who is part Asian and part African American as well as a child of immigrants, she is someone that many of us can relate to in one way or another.”

Jennierose D’Elia-Dufour, president of the Montgomery County NOW chapter, said, “Her breadth of experience is a huge asset. We have a huge mess on our hands and need all the best political insights to take us forward.” D’Elia-Dufour felt that a huge piece of that was simply having women’s voices in the room.

Clearly her life and political experience will bring to the Biden-Harris ticket positive energy that will motivate even more voters to come out and support radical change in this country on November 3rd. Working to get out that vote is up to us! Join Maryland NOW in our Get-Out-The-Vote efforts.

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