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Dear State Democratic Executive Committee Member:

I had the opportunity yesterday to present my vision and ideas for Chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party to the House Democratic Caucus yesterday.

Following the meeting, the House Caucus decided that they would not take a position on the Chair's race as a Caucus but rather let each individual Caucus member decide which candidate they would support for Chair. I am pleased with their decision.

In my presentation, I gave them a thorough briefing of my professional political background and the candidates whom I've help elect to Democratic offices. I outlined my strong fundraising experience both in the political and private sector and presented the key initiatives that I would undertake if elected chair.

I noted that my first action as Party chair would be to conduct a **Campaign Summit** to thoroughly examine the failed strategies of the 2008 campaign to ensure that we do no repeat the mistakes of the past as we build our strategy for 2010. I noted that **Candidate Recruitment** began November 5th and that it was essential that we find, work with and train the best field of candidates for 2010. We would do this in partnership with the House and Senate Democratic Caucuses. I told them that the Party would work to put **Boots on the Ground** in their reelection campaigns in 2010 and that I had been working with the Obama Tennessee volunteers all across Tennessee to help make this happen. We discussed the urgent need for a **Unified Democratic Message and Communications Strategy** that would ensure that something like the Republican Party attack flyer on Rep. Nathan Vaughn would never go unanswered if I am chair of the Party. And finally, I noted that we would begin a 95-county effort to revitalize those county parties that needed help and provide more for those that are running well.

It is our duty and mission to do all in our power to assist the House Democratic Caucus in their challenge to **Take Back the House in 2010** and I assured them that the Party was ready to do everything in its power to assist them in that effort. There is no job in Tennessee more important.

I'll continue to keep you all posted as developments take place in my campaign for chair.

May this Holiday Season bring you Peace & Joy,

Chip Forrester
Treasurer

Tennessee Democratic Party