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Dear Madame Vice President,

For 35 years, Personal PAC's mission has been to make abortion safe, legal, and accessible in Illinois. And since 2015, Men4Choice, which started in Illinois, has worked to activate, educate, and mobilize male allies into the fight for reproductive freedom. We've seen first hand the remarkable leadership of Governor JB Pritzker and write to you today with a simple message: **as your Vice President, Governor JB Pritzker would be not only an incredibly effective governing partner, but a true champion in the fight for reproductive freedom.**

At a time when support for our individual liberties and for bodily autonomy could not be more important, Gov. Pritzker's unwavering commitment, demonstrated by decades of allyship and activism in support of abortion rights, access, and so much more, speaks volumes about his character and priorities.

As governor, Pritzker's leadership has made Illinois an oasis for reproductive rights and access. In his first year in office, he signed legislation codifying the right to an abortion into state law, understanding it was only a matter of time before a conservative Supreme Court reversed decades of settled precedent. When Donald Trump's Supreme Court ripped away rights from millions of Americans, Illinois was ready to welcome them as a safe haven because of Governor Pritzker's foresight.

He put protections in place making sure anyone fleeing to Illinois to access care is shielded from legal action. He expanded private insurance and Medicaid coverage, expanding access for abortion care to all Illinoisans, regardless of income level. The landmark Birth Equity Initiative, passed this year and signed just this week, represents a nation-leading effort that will protect everyone's right to abortion care and full spectrum pregnancy, birth, and newborn care, regardless of income or background. In Illinois, everyone has the right to decide if and when to start a family, and is able to do so safely and with support.

All of these legislative victories are made possible because Governor Pritzker listens and responds to activists, providers, and advocates who are doing this work every day. He stands shoulder to shoulder with us every step of the way and he has done so for decades, not just since he entered office.

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Governor Pritzker's dedication to the fight goes beyond Illinois' borders. Understanding that reproductive rights are not truly protected in one state until they are protected in all, Gov. Pritzker founded Think Big America to assist in expanding abortion rights and fighting back against right-wing extremism across the country. When Personal PAC thinks about what a true champion looks like, and when Men4Choice thinks about how we want men to engage as partners, allies, and stakeholders in this fight, we think about Governor Pritzker as a standard bearer.

You and Governor Pritzker would be a force to be reckoned with in our efforts to protect the right to abortion and to bodily autonomy. On this and so many other issues, we know the two of you would make this country better for decades to come.

Thank you for your steadfast support of abortion rights.

Sincerely,

Sarah Garza Resnick, CEO, Personal PAC
Oren Jacobson, Executive Director, Men4Choice Advocacy