

Protocol To Contest Election Results

(To be signed and dated at the start of the primary campaign)
(there will be a similar form for candidates for Vice President and for the nominee for Vice President)

I, name, irrevocably promise that if I receive the nomination of the Democratic Party of the United States of America (“Democratic Party”) for the office of President of the United States of America and if following the close of polling the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) notifies me in writing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that efforts to challenge or contest an apparent loss in any state (or the District of Columbia) or congressional district (in a state which awards one electoral vote to the winner of each congressional district) would be meritorious, I will provide all necessary cooperation (for example, agreeing to serve as a named plaintiff, contestant, challenger, or petitioner as the laws of the state involved require) to the DNC’s efforts to challenge or contest either in court or administratively the result in each such state or congressional district on my behalf.

I hereby irrevocably acknowledge that the written certification by the Democratic Party that I am allowed to be an official candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party of the United States of America for the office of President of the United States of America is sufficient consideration to support each promise signed and dated as of (date at start of campaign).

I further irrevocably promise to sign the following document prior to delivering any speech accepting the nomination and within one (1) hour of being notified in writing that the National Convention of the Democratic Party has voted to award the nomination of the Democratic Party of the United States of America for the office of President of the United States of America to me:

(The following will be signed and dated within 1 hour of being awarded the nomination and before any acceptance speech)

I, name, irrevocably promise as the nominee of the Democratic Party of the United States of America for the office of President of the United States of America, that if following the close of polling the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) notifies me in writing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that efforts to challenge or contest an apparent loss in any state (or the District of Columbia) or congressional district (in a state which awards one electoral vote to the winner of each congressional district) would be meritorious, I will provide all necessary cooperation (for example, agreeing to serve as a named plaintiff, contestant, challenger, or petitioner as the laws of the state involved require) to the DNC’s efforts to challenge or contest either in court or administratively the result in each such state or congressional district on my behalf. I further irrevocably promise to continue to provide all necessary cooperation to the DNC as may be requested in writing by the National Chairperson of the DNC until all such challenges or contests as well as all appeals of any such challenge or contest have been finally concluded and no further appeal of any such challenge or contest is possible.

I hereby irrevocably acknowledge that my receipt of the nomination of the Democratic Party of the United States of America for the office of President of the United States of America is sufficient consideration to support my above-stated promises.