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Secretary Barnett & Deputy Secretary Warne:

I write pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws § 12-5-3.14 to request the placement of my name, Joseph R. Biden, on the presidential preference primary for the Democratic Party, set for June 2, 2020.

I announced my candidacy for President on April 25, 2019, and filed a declaration of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission on the same date. Before I became a candidate for President in 2020, I served as a United States Senator from Delaware from 1973 through 2009. I was nominated by the Democratic Party to be its candidate for Vice President in 2008 and 2012, and proudly served as Vice President with President Barack Obama for eight years. I am honored to seek the 2020 nomination of the Democratic Party for President, and I meet the requirements for the office of President that are set forth in the United States Constitution.

I appreciate the important role your office plays in administering the elections that are the foundation of our democratic system, and will be as helpful as possible. Should you require any additional information from my campaign, please do not hesitate to ask. Carla Frank

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(cfrank@joebiden.com ) and Patrick Moore (pmoore@joebiden.com) are leading our ballot access efforts and will respond expeditiously to any inquiries.

I respectfully request that you acknowledge in writing your receipt of this letter and share your intent to place my name on the ballot.

Please accept my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Very truly yours,



Joseph R. Biden

Cc: Randy Seiler, Chair, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at [randy@sddp.org](mailto:randy@sddp.org)); Nikki Gronli, Vice Chair, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at [nikki@sddp.org](mailto:nikki@sddp.org)); Sunny Gaughen, Deputy Executive Director, South Dakota Democratic Party (by email at [sunny@sddp.org](mailto:sunny@sddp.org)).

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