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*The Koch brothers are buying our elections. Without your support, they'll succeed in kicking Democrats out of the senate majority this fall.*

Wednesday morning, 8:19 a.m.

Dear fellow Democrat,

I've got two words for you: **Koch brothers.**

Need I say more?

If Democrats like you and I don't do everything in our power right now, while time is on our side, come November 4, the **Koch brothers will have bought total control of the Senate — and total control of Congress for their handpicked Republicans and Tea Party candidates.**

You know as well as I do **that would be disastrous** for our country, women, minorities, seniors, children, students, the environment, and of course, you and your family.

Which is why as Senate Majority Leader, I felt compelled to personally reach out to you on behalf of the **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC).**

**Your support of the DSCC is the best, most effective way that you can help Democrats not only maintain our majority in the Senate, but to expand it to build on the progress and momentum that we have created.**

Because these are such high-stakes races — and to motivate as many Democrats as possible to help raise the critical funds needed to ensure that our candidates claim victory this November — **your support will be MATCHED, doubling its impact!**

Opportunities like this don't come along very often, so I urge you to act today to prevent two extremely wealthy brothers from buying the United States Senate.

I'd be less than frank if I said that I thought we had nothing to worry about ... that America is ready to hold the GOP accountable and send them packing. But honestly, I'm concerned — very concerned because I know full well what they are trying to do.

Can you imagine the Senate in Mitch McConnell's hands? And the damage that the likes of he, Ted Cruz and Rand Paul will do — and the progress that they will undo?

- Millions of families who just got health care under the Affordable Care Act will once again be forced to struggle to take care of their health

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- Seniors' futures will hang in the balance as the GOP pushes to privatize Medicare and slash Social Security benefits
- Our children will bear the burden of tax breaks for big business and the wealthy, while school safety and education get lip service
- Our planet will be plundered for short-term profits, climate change will continue to be denied, and countless unique species and places will be lost

It doesn't have to be this way. We can stop this from happening and keep our country moving forward. This can only happen, however, if we pull together like we have in the past and act with the drive and determination that this moment demands.

But we must do it now, not in August or September. By then, it could be too late.

The Koch brothers and their ultra-conservative Americans for Prosperity (AFP) Super PAC will have spent millions upon millions of dollars pummeling Senate Democrats, manipulating the facts, and undermining President Obama's agenda.

And we will be playing catch up. To plan the most effective campaign strategy, the DSCC must make critical spending decisions now — decisions that will impact their effectiveness and ability to counteract and dispel the attacks.

**Your gift today will be matched**, and when leveraged with other dedicated Democratic supporters' gifts, will make a tremendous difference. This will give the DSCC the ability to keep up with the Koch brothers' money machine and get on the ground early in the most intense and pivotal races.

There can be no doubt: this is going to be a long, arduous, uphill and incredibly expensive battle.

Every day you wait — every day you say "I'll make a gift closer to the elections" — is another day that the GOP has to twist the facts, sell their agenda to the highest bidder, use fear and lies to disenfranchise voters, and inch closer to gaining more of a chokehold on our nation.

Consider this: **if elected, the Far Right, narrow-minded Republican candidates running for Senate this year will be creating laws until 2021!**

Mitch McConnell, who caused more than 400 filibusters and spearheaded the government shutdown, will be in charge of the Senate. And if candidates like West Virginia's Shelley Moore Capito — who voted against raising the minimum wage and is in favor of massive cuts to Medicare and Social Security — or Michigan's Terri Lynn Land — who supports dangerous Tea Party views and the shameful antics of Ted Cruz — claim victory, everything from health care reform and climate change, to women's rights and welfare programs will be on the chopping block.

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You know as well as I do that the GOP and their Super PACs are using this time to their advantage to build a war chest — the likes of which will be hard to match. This is especially true given their outright abuse of the *Citizen's United* ruling, which opened the floodgates for big corporations and outside special interest groups to spend millions of dollars with no accountability or transparency.

In fact, the Koch brothers' AFP has already spent a staggering \$27 million this election cycle alone on television ads — and this early spending has sent Senate Democrats' approval ratings plummeting.

**We simply cannot allow them to buy our democracy.**

Did you know that 90 percent of the DSCC's budget is funded by supporters like you? That means **we are working for you**. Not some special interest Super PAC backed by the Koch brothers, not some big business pushing a self-serving agenda, and certainly not some wealthy backer wanting tax breaks in return.

**The DSCC is working to keep the promise of a government of *the people*, by *the people* and for the people alive by electing Democrats who will fight for equality and prosperity for all.**

And they need your help to make sure strong, smart, fearless and proactive Democrats are standing with me and up for you.

People like Alison Lundergan Grimes, who has dedicated her career to expanding opportunities for all Kentuckians ... Cory Booker, who has tackled New Jersey's toughest challenges and has proven that he can unite people to find innovative solutions ... and Michelle Nunn, who is one of the strongest women I've ever met and is a pragmatic, results-oriented problem solver.

These are the people we need in Washington — ready to roll up their sleeves and get back to the business of the people. Not more obstructionist politicians hell bent on stonewalling any good policy just because a Democrat or President Obama came up with it. That blatant abuse of power has already hurt our families and cost our nation dearly.

With everything from shutting down the federal government over health care, delaying death benefits to the families of soldiers killed in combat, and reducing private sector job creation by as much as 120,000 jobs, to furloughing nearly a million workers, filibustering popular bills like those for affordable student loans, and refusing to confirm 82 judges and appointees for positions essential to running the government and our courts, there is nothing that the GOP won't do to stop our progress.

**Republicans don't care who gets hurt in the crossfire as long as they get their way. And trust me, their Tea Party and Super PACs must not have a free ride to spew their nonsense.**

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Well, I'm here to tell you that if any organization can stand up to their bullying, it's the DSCC.

**The DSCC wins races.** It was instrumental in Democrats taking back the Senate in 2006, held the Tea Party at bay in 2010, and made sure pivotal progressive leaders like Senators Elizabeth Warren and Tammy Baldwin won in 2012.

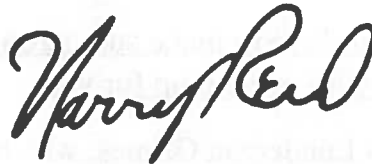
**But I can't stress enough how imperative it is that we act now. I urge you to return the most generous gift you can afford today — which will be doubled to help the DSCC expand and protect our Senate majority.**

Please, don't set this aside thinking that you will get to it later or make a gift closer to the elections. This is not the time to wait and see how this plays out — nothing good will come of it, I assure you.

If Democrats like you and I don't do everything in our power to keep our country on track and keep America moving forward, then who will?

I hope I can count on you.

Sincerely,



Harry Reid  
U.S. Senate Majority Leader

P.S. The Koch brothers and their Super PACs are already dumping millions of dollars into Senate races in a blatant attempt to take total control of Congress and derail progress. We can't let them get away with it! Please return the most generous contribution you can today, which will be doubled and go twice as far in protecting our Senate majority and our future. You can also make your gift immediately by calling **1-877-417-8807** or donating online at **[www.dsc.org/AmericasFuture](http://www.dsc.org/AmericasFuture)**. Thank you.



## WHY ACT TODAY? *5 Reasons:*

- 1.** Democrats need to defend *21 seats in 2014* — but Republicans are only *six seats away* from taking control of the Senate.
- 2.** After just two weeks into the new year, the billionaire Koch brothers had already *spent \$4 million on TV ads* attacking Democrats.
- 3.** *History is against us.* The party that wins the presidential election almost always loses seats in Congress in the following midterm election.
- 4.** The DSCC has the *expertise and track record* of making a difference in winning elections for Democrats — like Elizabeth Warren, Sherrod Brown, Tammy Baldwin, Cory Booker, and more!
- 5.** The DSCC is the *only organization* committed to keeping a Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate.

*Take a stand with the DSCC!*  
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## REASONS TO ACT TODAY

**1.** The Koch brothers have spent an unprecedented ***\$27 million*** in TV attack ads so far this election cycle and have their sights set on historically blue states, where they plan to ***steal*** elections from Democrats.

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**2.** Democrats are fielding terrific new candidates, while Tea Party Republicans are fighting to be the ***most extreme candidates*** in crowded GOP primaries. An aggressive campaign strategy NOW will give the DSCC the resources we need to counter the negative attack ads and ***preserve our Democratic Firewall in the Senate.***

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**3.** ***90% of the DSCC's budget is funded by supporters like you*** — so we value every dollar. Plus, your contribution will be matched dollar for dollar, ***doubling your impact*** against a Republican takeover of our Senate!

Join the fight *today* at:  
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