



The Hon. Karen Thurman
Chair, Florida Democratic Party

September 18th, 2008

Dear Congresswoman Thurman,

The Florida Democratic Party has requested that candidates who signed the "Four-State Pledge" with Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina attend their Democratic Convention in October. We understand from the Florida Democratic Party that this is an important event for them.

Each candidate signed the pledge and indicated they understood that the intention of the pledge is to bring finality, predictability and common sense to the nominating calendar. The pledge refers to the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Committee, including, but not limited to, Rule 20 c 1 b.

These rules hold true for any state infringing on the pre-window. Candidates have signed a pledge to honor the calendar with regard to the pre-window and that applies to all states moving forward.

Our caucus-goers and voters will monitor the candidates and media coverage and will ultimately decide whether the campaigns are keeping their promises.

The four states are busy preparing for their respective calendar events and cannot and should not police the calendar process.

That said, this specific one-time request from Florida will be acceptable, if, and only if, Florida timely submits a Delegate Selection Plan that the Rules and Bylaws Committee Staff of the DNC would recommend for compliance. This would extend only to an appearance at the state convention itself.

We and our voters understand that, except for this convention, even if Florida submits a compliant plan, DNC rules would still prohibit further campaigning there until after January 29th, 2008.

Sincerely,

Scott Brennan
Chair, Iowa Democratic Party

Jill Derby
Chair, Nevada State Democratic Party

Raymond Buckley
Chair, New Hampshire Democratic Party

Carol Fowler
Chair, South Carolina Democratic Party