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Dear Essex Democrat,

Thank you for your expressed interest in attending the Essex County Democratic Committee's inaugural Presidential Candidate Forum.

As you may know, the recent changes surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), have raised many growing concerns. The State of New Jersey has issued a State of Emergency, and as of today, Governor Phil Murphy has requested the cancellation of all large gatherings that will exceed 250 people. With safety being a top priority, our team has decided to cancel the presidential candidate forum. This was a tough decision to make, but safety always comes first.

Although we are cancelling the event, we will not halt our efforts to support the democratic party as it selects its Presidential nominee. The questions you have submitted for the forum are of great value to us and to the candidates. As a result, each candidate's campaign team has been asked to submit answers to your specific concerns. This will further enhance the knowledge of our electorate in Essex County and build upon our democratic structure.

The overwhelming support we have received for this event is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for being a major part of that. We look forward to continuing this effort in the future.

Thank you,

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