Madam Leader,

Alice Germond followed up with me again this morning via phone and email asking you to put out a letter endorsing her for DNC Women’s Caucus Chair today. Her email is below and I’ve included the attachments on proxy voting. I’ve also included Lottie Shackleford’s phone number as you had mentioned you wanted to call her. Roz also called me today to check in on this letter.

Lottie Shackelford: 202-285-2738 (cell)

Please let me know how you would like me to handle this situation. Thank you. ~missy

Hi Missy,

I know how busy the Leader’s schedule is, and yours, so I thought it would be helpful to send the two attachments so that Congresswoman Pelosi is a registered member of the Women’s Caucus and so that her proxy is duly sent.  Either Christine or Roz I’m sure would be happy to carry her proxy, but it must be signed, etc.  I would suggest it be made transferable so either could cast the vote.

Looking forward to hearing from you about which email version should be sent, with any edits etc.  The Leader’s support is tremendous and the women are making their decisions now so we are eager to get it out today if possible.

Thanks for your assistance and if I can be of any help or if there are any questions I can be reached at 202-746-8285.

Thanks Missy,

Alice

**DRAFT FROM CHRISTINE PELOSI**

Dear DNC Colleagues,  
  
As we prepare for the November elections, our Women Succeed agenda will be at the forefront of our plan to jumpstart the middle class and all who aspire to it. We will need to attract thousands of volunteers and millions of women voters. The DNC Women's Caucus has a crucial role to play in these efforts.  
  
In August we will vote to succeed - but never replace - our dear friend Mame Reilly as DNC Women's Caucus Chair. In this race, we are blessed with two fine candidates. I know both Alice Germond Lottie Shackelford very well and admire both of their distinguished service to our party and our country.

My friend Alice Germond has spent her entire life working for the Party, our candidates, in the women’s movement, and for equality. I am very proud to endorse her.  
  
As a DNC member and party Secretary, Alice has long been a leader in the fight for equal representation for women and full participation and inclusion for everyone in our party. She has traveled to every state mobilizing our grassroots volunteers.  
  
As a leader in two women's organizations - NARAL and NWPC - Alice was an effective strategist and advocate for younger leaders. and mobilization.  
  
 Alice continues her advocacy for the future as President Obama's appointee to the prestigious White House Fellows Commission.  
   
For Alice, it’s never been about her. But for me, right now, it is. Alice Germond is the best person to Chair the Women’s Caucus. I need her in this election count-down. I hope you will join me in supporting Alice. Please let her know that she – and I – can count on you.  
  
 And let us move forward, united and mobilized for the values we hold dear and for victory in 2014.  
  
Thank you.  
  
 Nancy Pelosi

**DRAFT FROM ALICE GERMOND**

Dear DNC Women, Colleagues and Friends,

As a DNC member I’m excited about the Women’s Caucus Chair election.  I know both Alice Germond and Lottie Shackelford candidates well.  They have served the Party with distinction and I thank them.

My friend Alice Germond has spent her entire life working for the Party, our candidates, in the women’s movement, and for equality.  She is the right woman for this Office and I am very proud to endorse her.  Her unique experience, passion and wisdom are exactly what we need.

She already put “A Woman on the Ticket” and I hope we will make history again in 2016.  Alice was a leader in the negotiations for Equal Division in the Party and at our Conventions. Ever since, the gender gap has grown, women have risen and we are the majority of the Democratic voters.  But not just for us, Alice is a fierce advocate for full participation and inclusion for everyone.

There remains much to do.  The attacks on our health must be defeated.  While Alice was Vice President, NARAL was named the most effective women’s organization in America.  She knows strategy and mobilization.

We need more women in Office – and in the Congress.  And as senior staff, on campaigns and Commissions.  At NWPC she championed that pipeline.  No wonder President Obama appointed her to the prestigious WH Fellows Commission.

As Secretary Alice created a unique comraderie amongst us.  She was always accessible for information, advice or support.  She was our first call, the advocate for DNC members, and her willingness to travel to every state remarkable.  Now we need her organizing Women’s Caucuses everywhere, providing us with materials, being there.

I have seen Alice bring audiences to their feet at rallies and Party Conventions, work phone banks and walk precincts.  I stood with her as she called the roll nominating our candidates.  She thanks staff and DNC members, and welcomes new activists.  No wonder the Young and College Democrats support her.  She wants to empower a new generation of leadership.

For Alice, it’s never been about her.  But for me, right now, it is.  Alice Germond is the best person to Chair the Women’s Caucus.  I need her in this election count-down.  I am thrilled she is willing and eager to serve.  I hope you will join me in supporting Alice.  Please let her know that she – and I – can count on you.

And let us move forward, all of the women of the DNC, united and mobilized for the values we hold dear and for victory in 2014 … and 16.

Thank you.

Nancy Pelosi