

Statement on the Resignation of White House Director of Legislative Affairs Louisa M. Terrell

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As a U.S. Senator for 36 years, I developed a deep respect and reverence for the United States Congress and its vital institutional role in our democracy. When I was elected President, I knew that no one understood that better—or would be a better partner to my decades-long friends and former colleagues—than Louisa Terrell.

That's because, for years—as a Senator, as Vice President, as President, and every moment in between—I have relied on Louisa for her wise counsel and her skill. I have relied upon her to reflect my values. And I have relied upon her to deliver for the American people. Every step of the way, that's exactly what she has done.

Over the past 2½ years, Louisa has been instrumental in the historic, monumental, and life-changing legislation we have delivered to the American people. From the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act to the CHIPS and Science bill, the bipartisan infrastructure bill, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, and the bipartisan budget agreement, Louisa's steady hand and perseverance have consistently helped get key priorities over the finish line. Her work to secure the confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, along with a historic number of diverse judges and appointees across the United States Government, has significantly furthered our work to build an administration and judicial benches at every level that look more like America.

Perhaps most importantly, Louisa has been an extraordinary leader and an empowering mentor to countless staff, and I know that nothing gives her more pride than the team she has capably managed and led.

Jill and I extend our deepest gratitude to Louisa for her years of service to the American people, and also to her family for sharing her with us.

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