

United States Senate

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Chairman Howard Dean
Democratic National Committee Headquarters
430 S. Capitol St. SE
Washington DC 20003

Dear Chairman Dean,

I'm happy that you've announced your decision to hold the 2008 Democratic Convention in the last week of August. I agree that this timing offers our nominee significant advantages. But there is one critical element still missing from the equation that will ensure the 2008 Democratic convention gives our party's nominee the best possible launching pad to a Democratic victory: holding the convention in New York City.

New York City should be the site for the 2008 Democratic National Convention for a number of reasons. There is no city in America, indeed the world, like New York. It is an international media and business center, and offers our party a dynamic backdrop to showcase our ideas, our people, and our nominee to the American people in 2008. New York's hotels, restaurants, civic and cultural attractions, and infrastructure are unparalleled and would delight and excite delegates from across the nation.

As you know, last year the Republican Party held a very successful convention in Madison Square Garden. However, New York has been the springboard from which the last two successful Democratic candidates for President won the White House. The history of New York City and Democratic conventions go back a long way. We hosted our first convention in 1868, and most recently hosted the convention in 1992, giving Bill Clinton and Al Gore the momentum to take back the White House for the first time in 12 years. New York also launched Jimmy Carter's successful bid in 1976.

There is no doubt in my mind that New York's good fortune can launch a Democrat into the White House for the third time in 30 years. The 'Capital of the World' should be starting point for Democrats to reclaim the capital of the United States and the White House in 2008.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator