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**STATEMENT BY R.I. DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR ON ELECTION OF SECY. PEREZ  
AS NATIONAL PARTY CHAIR & HIS CALL TO ELECT ELLISON AS DEPUTY**

**WARWICK, R.I.** – “Today’s historic election of former U.S. Labor Secretary Tom Perez as the new DNC Chair and his naming- and the vote by acclamation - of Congressman Keith Ellison as Deputy Chair bode extremely well for the future of the Democratic Party and the American people. Both leaders recognize the profound issues facing Americans today - the urgency of creating jobs, protecting health care and education and maintaining our nation’s democracy.

Chair Perez is committed to unifying our party, with a deep commitment to a 50-state strategy for party building efforts. With Congressman Ellison, they will bring the best of their talent, passion and experience to victories up-and-down the ballot in the months and years ahead,” said Joseph M. McNamara, Chair of the Rhode Island Democratic Party.

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