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To: Interested Parties
From: Sen. Rick Scott, Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Committee
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Re: **Pundits vs. Path to Victory**

One year ago today, I was honored to be elected by my colleagues to lead the National Republican Senatorial Committee for the 2022 election cycle. When my team and I started in January, the pundits in Washington left us for dead. They all declared:

- *Democrats are safe because the 2022 Senate map is terrible for Republicans.*
- *Because of losses in Georgia, Republicans are finished as a governing party.*
- *Senate Republicans won't be able to raise money because woke corporate America will cut off giving to GOP candidates and committees.*

All year, pundits have been stubbornly holding these views while the NRSC has been successfully holding Democrats accountable for their failures, showing the path for Republicans to regain the Senate majority, and breaking fundraising records in the process. Nine months later and after disastrous off-year election results for Democrats, **we have a message for those pundits: we told you so and there's a lot more coming.**

No Democrat Senator or Senate candidate is safe.

Washington pundits have been eager to point out that Republicans have to defend 20 Senate seats while Democrats have to defend 14. What they conveniently chose to ignore are the number of far-left, radical policies Democrats have had to defend all year that are completely out of step with where American voters are. **But we saw it coming.**

Back in June, the NRSC partnered with the Republican Governors Association to conduct [a survey in battleground states](#) showing independent voters aligning themselves with Republicans in disapproving of Joe Biden's multi-trillion-dollar spending proposals, the crisis at the border, and the teaching of Critical Race Theory. The result of Democrats defending these positions: massive losses in statewide and local races across the country – not just in Virginia and New Jersey – but in [Pennsylvania](#) as well as blue territories in [Texas](#), [New York](#) and [Washington State](#).

No Democrat Senator or Senate candidate should feel safe. Yet instead of reversing course, Democrats in Washington are doubling down on their radical agenda. As the polling shows, Democrat Senators and Senate candidates have no room to wiggle themselves out of these far-left positions because their number one priority is to keep their radical base of supporters happy.

Republicans are forming a strong winning coalition for 2022.

Washington pundits have kept pointing back to losses in Georgia earlier this year to declare that Republicans can no longer form winning coalitions to win important states. What they conveniently chose to ignore is how important segments of voters actually feel about the direction of the country. **But we saw it coming.**



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Conventional wisdom from the pundit class wrote off Hispanic voters as forever siding with Democrats. But back in April, the NRSC conducted [a battleground state survey of Hispanic voters](#) showing strong majorities concerned with public schools are failing their kids, the country losing traditional values of faith and family, and the far-left pushing cancel culture. A majority of Hispanic voters also said when Democrats argue their policies help minorities, they actually end up hurting them. So it should come as no surprise that Virginia Governor-Elect Glenn Youngkin, according to exit polls, [won the Hispanic vote](#).

The pundit class also wrote off suburban voters as forever being in the Democrat camp. But back in September, the NRSC conducted [a poll of suburban voters in battleground states](#) showing strong majorities concerned with inflation caused by excessive government spending, the teaching of Critical Race Theory, and the “Defund the Police” movement leading to a spike in violent crime. It’s no wonder, according to exit polls, [suburban voters shifted by double digit margins](#) in both Virginia and New Jersey.

It’s Republicans who are forming a winning coalition of voters in 2022 as Democrats continue to position themselves against the values and concerns of Americans – especially among Hispanic and suburban voters.

Despite threats from woke corporations, Senate Republicans are outraising Democrats.

Washington pundits argued that the NRSC would not be able to raise money because woke corporations would cease to give to Republican candidates and party committees. What they conveniently chose to ignore was the enormous grassroots energy against the Democrats’ policies and support for Republicans who want to keep Joe Biden in check. **But we saw it coming.**

As of the end of the third quarter of 2021, the NRSC has raised \$76.2 million, already exceeding the \$67.6 million that was raised in all of calendar year 2019. Nearly half of that haul came from grassroots donors online, with 110,000 first time donors to the NRSC this year and 98.5% of donations being \$100 or less.

It’s Republicans who are outraising Democrats despite woke forces in corporate America. For six months in a row, the NRSC has outraised its counterpart at the Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee. And we have more than double the cash of Democrats, with the NRSC holding \$27.7 million cash-on-hand compared to the DSCC’s \$13.3 million.

We are on the way to big wins next November that will put the Senate majority in the hands of Republicans again. The grassroots energy is on our side. The map and the data are on our side. Most importantly, the American people are on our side. There’s more work to be done and we look forward to continuing to ignore what the pundit class has to say.

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