memorandum to Leader PELOSI

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To: Leader Nancy Pelosi

Fr: Lindsey Melander, National Finance Director

Dt: Friday, June 10, 2011

RE: DCCC Equality Reception at the home of Robert Raben

# Event Date: Monday, June 13th, 2011

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm

**Location:** The Home of Robert Raben

213 E Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

**Staff:** Lindsey Melander, National Finance Director, (202) 306-5497

**Attire:**  Business

**Members of Congress Attending:**

DCCC Chairman Steve Israel

Congressman Barney Frank

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

Congressman Jared Polis

Congressman David Cicilline

**Attendees:** Approximately 45

**Background:** This is the sixth annual event that Robert Raben has hosted for the DCCC during LGBT Pride Month. Guests at this reception include colleagues at the Raben Group, LGBT community advocates in the DC area, and personal friends of Robert Raben and other members of the host committee. Robert contributed $5,000 towards this event in March. Ticket prices for this reception include: Host/PAC: $5,000 (write/raise); Sponsor: $1,000; Friend: $500; Guest: $250. ***This event is expected to raise $31,000 for the DCCC.***

**Event Set-up:** This is an open reception with passed hors d’oeuvres. There will not be a microphone or podium.

**Program:**

7:00 p.m.      Guests arrive and mingle.

7:30 p.m.      Robert Raben will introduce Congressman Cicilline.

7:32 p.m. Congressman Cicilline will make brief remarks and introduce Congressman Polis.

7:34 p.m. Congressman Polis will make brief remarks and introduce Congresswoman Baldwin.

7:36 p.m. Congresswoman Baldwin makes brief remarks and introduces Congressman Frank.

7:38 p.m. Congressman Frank makes brief remarks and introduces Chairman Israel.

7:40 p.m.      Chairman Israel will deliver brief remarks, thank the hosts and introduce **YOU.**

7:42 p.m.      **YOU** will deliver brief remarks.

8:30 p.m. Event concludes and guests depart.

**Host Committee:**

**Robert Raben, President, The Raben Group**

Robert is the founder of The Raben Group, LLC, heading a legislative consulting and lobbying practice that develops strategies to achieve complicated public policy goals.  Nearly 20 years of professional experience as an attorney, senior Hill staffer and Assistant Attorney General, he brings an aggressively bipartisan approach to the firm, built during a highly respected legislative career that began on Representative Barney Frank's staff and concluded with House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde's endorsement of his Justice Department appointment.  Robert served as Counsel to Congressman Barney Frank for seven years, he then moved to the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, again serving as Democratic Counsel.  ***Robert has served as principal host of this event for the past six years. He contributed $5,000 to the DCCC in March through this event.***

**Rob Cogorno, Principal, Elmendorf Strategies**

Rob is a Principal at Elmendorf Strategies. He is the former Floor Director for Leader Steny Hoyer. Prior to working for Rep. Hoyer, Cogorno served as Research Director and Appropriations Policy Advisor to House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt for eight years. ***Rob served on the host committee for last year’s event as well.******Rob will contribute $5,000 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Mark Glaze, Principal, The Raben Group**

Mark is a Principal at The Raben Group, LLC. Before joining the Raben team, he led Glaze Strategic, where he worked with a wide range of organizations to reach those key audiences through effective strategic communications, including direct outreach to national media, targeted placement of opinion pieces and legislative lobbying. Mark also directed the government ethics and public affairs programs of the Campaign Legal Center, a government watchdog group. ***Mark served on the host committee for last year’s event. Mark will contribute $1,000 to the DCCC through this event. He contributed $1,000 to the DCCC in 2010.***

**John Michael Gonzalez, Principal, Peck Madigan Jones & Stewart**

John Michaelbegan his political career as an appointee for Texas Governor Ann Richards. In 2003 he became Chief of Staff for Congressman Chris Bell (D-Tex.). Prior to joining Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart, he served as Chief of Staff for New Democrat Coalition Co-Chair, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (D-Ill.) ***He is a member of the 2011 DCCC Chairman’s Council. He contributed $5,000 to the DCCC in March.***

**Karin Johanson, Principal, The Dewey Square Group**

Karin is a principal at the Dewey Square Group, one of Washington’s leading public affairs firms whose clients include fortune 500 companies, advocacy groups, major trade and professional associations, and nonprofit organizations. In addition to serving as Chief of Staff and Press Secretary to Congressman Steny Hoyer on Capitol Hill, Johanson has more than 25 years of electoral and legislative experience.  In 2006, Johanson worked with Congressman Rahm Emanuel as the executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. ***Karin will contribute $2,000 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Joe Onek, Principal, The Raben Group**

In the 111th Congress, he served as Senior Counselor to you.In the Carter Administration, he served on the White House Domestic Policy Staff as associate director of health and human resources and later as deputy counsel to the President. In the Clinton Administration, Joe was the senior coordinator for rule of law at the State Department and principal deputy associate attorney general at the Department of Justice.

**Daniel Penchina, Principal, The Raben Group**

Prior to joining The Raben Group, Daniel worked in senior positions for several members of Congress, advising them on an array of issues including consumer protection, healthcare, appropriations, housing, budget, financial services, defense and government reform. Most recently, Daniel served as legislative director to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and a member of House leadership.

**Hilary Rosen, Managing Partner, SKDKnickerbocker**

Rosen joined SKDKnickerbocker in 2010 and specializes in the firm’s strategic communications and public relations practice. Prior to joining SKDKnickerbocker, Rosen was the Managing Director of Brunswick Group’s Washington, DC office.  Rosen is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the trade group representing the U.S. sound recording industry, where she served for 17 years before retiring in June 2003.  Her experience in political communications and leading high profile issue campaigns has made Rosen a proven expert in shaping the public debate.  From Fortune 500 companies to national non-profit organizations, from elected officials to the newsroom, Rosen is one of the most sought after advisors in Washington, DC. ***Hilary will contribute $1,000 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Winnie Stachelberg, Snr. VP for External Affairs, Center for American Progress**

Prior to joining the Center, Stachelberg spent 11 years with the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights organization. Before joining HRC, Stachelberg worked at the Office of Management and Budget in both the George H.W. Bush and Clinton administrations, formulating and reviewing health care policies and budgets for the Department of Health and Human Services. ***Winnie attended last year’s event as a guest and contributed $250 to the DCCC in 2010.***

**Courtney Snowden, Principal, The Raben Group**

Courtney works with the firm’s corporate and non-profit clients to help them identify and reach their policy goals through direct lobbying, strategic planning and coalition building, and by developing and implementing effective legislative and public relations message campaigns. Prior to joining The Raben Group, Courtney served as a lobbyist for the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Courtney also served as the federal policy manager for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). Courtney began her career in the office of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI). ***Courtney served on the host committee for last year’s event.******Courtney will contribute $1,000 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Joe Solmonese, President, Human Rights Campaign**

Under Joe Solmonese’s leadership, the Human Rights Campaign has been an effective, strategic and creative force in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights advocacy. Solmonese knows that to promote a better life for all of America’s LGBT people and their families, HRC must make inroads not only in legislatures, but in workplaces, communities, religious congregations, schools, universities and media outlets. HRC’s work reflects this vision: Solmonese has overseen electoral and legislative victories and successful outreach to new audiences. A dynamic speaker with a powerful message, Solmonese is one of the most sought-after political voices in progressive politics today. He appears frequently in the national media as a voice for equality. ***Joe served on the host committee for last year’s event. The HRC PAC contributed $5,000 in May to the DCCC through an event you attended that was hosted by Congresswoman Baldwin in Wisconsin. HRC PAC will contribute an additional $10,000 PAC to the DCCC through this event.***

**Brian Wolff, Senior Vice President, Edison Electrical Institute**

Brian is Senior Vice President of External Affairs at EEI, and is responsible for managing the Government Relations and Communications departments for the Institute. ***Brian is a former Executive Director of the DCCC.  Brian served on the host committee for last year’s event.***

**Contributing Attendees:**

**Martine Apodaca**

Martine is the Communications Director at the National Immigration Forum. ***Martine contributed $35 to the DCCC in 2007. He will contribute $100 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Robert Atkins**

Robert is an attorney at the American Intellectual Property Law Association. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event.***

**David Barnhart**

David is a partner at the Locust Street Group. ***He contributed $500 to the DCCC through this event.*** ***He is a first-time donor to the DCCC.***

**Trevor Blake**

Trevor is an attorney at Venable LLP. ***He will attend the event with his partner, Jeff Krehely. Trevor and Jeff attended last year’s event. They contributed $250 to the DCCC through this event.***

**David Carlin**

David is a partner at Akin Gump. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. He is a first-time donor to the DCCC.***

**Todd Dickinson**

Todd is the Executive Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. ***He attended last year’s event and contributed $250 to the DCCC in 2010. He contributed $500 to the DCCC through this event. Mark Glaze raised this contribution.***

**Licy Do Canto**

Licy is the President of the Do Canto Group. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC this year through this event. He is a first-time donor to the DCCC. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Ruth Eisenberg**

Ruth is an attorney with Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg LLP. ***She attended last year’s event and contributed $250 to the DCCC in 2010. She will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Jennifer Farley**

Jennifer is the principal at The Farley Group, a government affairs firm*.* ***She will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. She is a first time donor.***

**Mo Goff**

Mo is the VP of Federal Affairs at the American Council of Life Insurers. ***He contributed $250 to the DCCC in 2010 and 2011 through this event. Daniel Penchina raised this contribution.***

**Monica Gonzalez**

Monica is the Director of Public Outreach at the AARP. ***She will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. She is a first-time donor to the DCCC. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Michael Gottlieb**

Michael is an attorney at Orrick. ***He contributed $250 to the DCCC through this event.******He is a first-time donor. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Matthew Hall**

Matt is an associate at The Farley Group, a government affairs firm. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. He is a first time donor.***

**Douglas Hattaway**

Doug is the President of Hattaway Communications. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. He is a first-time donor to the DCCC. Mark Glaze raised this contribution.***

**Jeff Krehely**

Jeff is the Director of the LGBT Research and Communications Projectat the Center for American Progress. ***He will attend the event with his partner, Trevor Blake. Trevor and Jeff attended last year’s event. Trevor & Jeff contributed $250 to the DCCC through this event. Mark Glaze raised this contribution.***

**Julie Kruse**

Julie is the Policy Director at Immigration Equality. ***She attended last year’s event. She will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Pete Leon**

Pete is the Vice President at Dow Lohnes Government Strategies. ***He contributed $1,000 to the DCCC in 2010. He is contributing $500 to the DCCC through this event. Daniel Penchina raised this contribution.***

**Emily Loeb**

Emily works at the US Department of Justice. ***She contributed $100 to the DCCC in 2010. She will contribute $100 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Patrick McGlone**

Patrick is an attorney at Ullico Inc. ***He contributed $500 to the DCCC through this event. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Aisha Moodie-Mills**

Aisha is a political and public affairs consultant. She and her wife Danielle were the first gay couple to be married in Washington, DC. She and Danielle also started the FIRE (Fighting Injustice to Reach Equality) fund, a think-tank at the Center for American Progress. She will attend the event with her wife, Danielle. Aisha & Danielle are friends of Missy Kurek, DCCC National Finance Director. ***She will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. Daniel Penchina raised this contribution.***

**Danielle Moodie-Mills**

Danielle is an environmental advocate in Washington, DC. She will attend the event with her wife Aisha.

**Allen Orr**

Allen is the founder of Orr Immigration Law firm. ***He contributed $250 to the DCCC in 2010. He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Michael Paese**

Michael works in government affairs at Goldman Sachs. ***He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event. He is a first time donor. Robert Raben raised this contribution.***

**Roberta Stanley**

Roberta is the director of federal affairs at the National School Boards Association. ***She contributed $325 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Michael Torra**

Michael is a principal at The Raben Group. ***He contributed $350 to the DCCC in 2010. He will contribute $250 to the DCCC through this event.***

**Juan Valdivieso**

Juan is an associate at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. ***He has not contributed to the DCCC in the past. He will contribute $250 to the DCCC in through this event.***

**Vincent Willmore**

Vince is the Vice President of Communications for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. ***He contributed $250 to the DCCC through this event.***