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Raymond Buckley, Chair

Hon. William M. Gardner
Secretary of State
The State House
Concord, NH 03301

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Dear Secretary Gardner;

The New Hampshire Democratic Party is a duly recognized political party pursuant to R.S.A. 652:11. The New Hampshire Democratic Party is dedicated to justice, equality, and freedom, the principles that form the bedrock of our great Nation. The New Hampshire Democratic Party fosters accountable leadership that moves in concert with the needs of its members. Further, the New Hampshire Democratic Party embraces a diversity of political philosophies and conducts itself according to the wishes of the majority of its membership. The major priorities of the New Hampshire Democratic Party are to elect Democrats to public offices, to enlarge its membership, and to function in an open and democratic manner, consistent with its Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of New Hampshire. The ultimate goal of the New Hampshire Democratic Party is to aid our government to perform effectively as a true democracy, representative of all the people.

The New Hampshire Democratic Party considers Senator Bernie Sanders to be a member of the Democratic Party and supports the placement of his name into nomination as a Democratic candidate for president in the 2016 New Hampshire Primary.

Senator Sanders has been nominated in his home state of Vermont as a Democrat for elected offices as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and for the U.S. Senate. Senator Sanders is currently nominated as a Democratic candidate for president of the United States in Vermont and will appear on the Vermont ballot as a Democrat in the 2016 primary. Senator Sanders supports the ideals of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. Finally, Senator Sanders was invited to speak at the state convention of the New Hampshire Democratic Party as a Democratic candidate for president. The state convention was held on September 19, 2015 in Manchester, New Hampshire and was attended by the state party's leadership and over 4,200 attendees. Senator Sanders candidacy was well received by those in attendance at the convention.

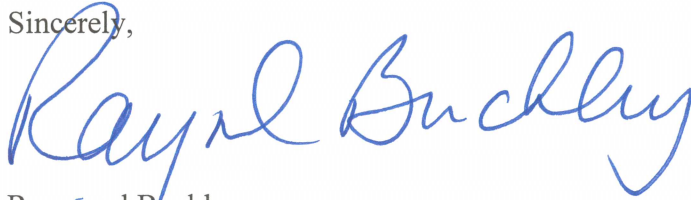
The Democratic National Committee considers Senator Bernie Sanders to be a member of the Democratic Party. Senator Sanders was included as a speaker at the most recent meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will be appearing at multiple other Democratic National Committee sponsored events including the six debates of the Democratic presidential candidates. Senator Sanders has been

included in all events and forums hosted by our early state siblings. Iowa, Nevada and South Carolina all consider Senator Sanders a Democratic candidate for president.

For these reasons, the New Hampshire Democratic Party supports his inclusion on the New Hampshire ballot as a Democrat.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions – (603) 225-6899 or chairman@nhdp.org.

Sincerely,



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