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Good morning Sophia, Aaron, and Reginald; I hope this message finds you, your families, and the entire team healthy and safe; and I also hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Equally important, I wish to congratulate Mr. Meeks and the Office's ascension to Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

I'm writing today on behalf of my colleagues in the Government of Bermuda. The Premier of Bermuda, the Honorable E. David Burt is also the Leader of the Progressive Labour Party (PLP). Later this month, the PLP is hosting its 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Delegates Conference, where Party Members will discuss proposals to help improve the lives of all Bermudans in the face of the pandemic that has devastated millions worldwide.

**As Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Premier Burt is requesting that Chairman Meeks serve as the conference's virtual keynote speaker on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Specifically, Premier Burt would like Chairman Meeks to deliver inspirational remarks for 15-20 minutes that look beyond the current world crisis and offer hope for better days in the future. (Please see the attached letter to Chairman Meeks from Premier Burt.)**

I will contact you all later this week to discuss this request in greater detail and to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration, and again, I wish you, your family, and the entire team a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Darrel Thompson

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January 4, 2021

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The Honorable Gregory Meeks  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Greetings Mr. Chairman:

From inception, The Progressive Labour Party (PLP) has stood for the empowerment of our citizens, residents and especially our community. As a community organization, the PLP has worked toward ending racial discrimination, and establishing equity and equality in all aspects of society. As the oldest political party in Bermuda, these are values we hold true.

In 2017, the PLP was elected to office in a landslide victory which focused on putting Bermudians first and ensuring we enact legislation and policies that empower our grassroots communities. Again, in 2020, on the 1st of October, the people of Bermuda re-elected the PLP Government and overwhelmingly supported our positive vision for the future that aims to rebuild Bermuda with Bermudians at heart. Our agenda for this new term of office is a robust one and includes implementing a living wage, and rebuilding our economy.

On January 27th - 30th, 2021, we will host our 55th Annual Delegates Conference and invite you to be our keynote speaker. Our Annual Delegates Conference is a time when our members will gather from all ends of the island to confer on party business. We will discuss our achievements over the last year, our operational vision for the upcoming year; and most importantly how we can better serve our community.

Our 2021 theme is: We're All in this Together. The PLP is a party of the people, not just in words but in action. It is important for us to never forget the people are the reason why we do what we do. We put them at the center of our policies for what we do for them we do for our countrymen and women we do for ourselves as well. Through our Annual Delegates Conference, we pause to reflect and uplift, to ignite and excite our membership.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has hit many in our membership especially hard. Through a keynote address we are looking to inspire them, help them see past this moment in time to a brighter future. We know that economic times don't last but tough people do. It is our intention to provide our members with ways to improve their

economic position and see hope for the future. We would like to request your consideration of our invitation to be our guest speaker on January 30th for 15 mins to address our membership.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Burt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Burt  
Premier & Leader

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