



THE VICE PRESIDENT

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I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to the members, leaders, and guests of Community Catalyst as you assemble for the Building Power for Health Justice annual convening.

In order for our communities to thrive, we all need access to high-quality health care that is affordable and rooted in equity. I am inspired by the work Community Catalyst and organizers around the country do to promote racial equity and health justice, directly addressing disparities in health outcomes for historically underrepresented communities and pushing us toward a brighter future.

Our Administration joins you in this fight for health justice. We have expanded access to the Affordable Care Act's protections and ensured that Medicare can negotiate the price of prescription drugs and cap prescription drug costs. Most recently, I was proud to join Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Rohit Chopra as we announced our actions to reduce the burden of medical debt on families across our country—an effort spearheaded by many of the leaders and activists here today.

We must continue fighting to ensure that quality health care is not a privilege but rather a right afforded to us all—including the ability for individuals to make decisions about their own bodies. Thank you for all that you do to shape a more just and equitable future for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to partner with you in this fight.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kamala Harris", with a large, stylized initial "K" and a long, sweeping flourish at the end.