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Last cycle, the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee led Democrats to their most successful legislative midterm performance in nearly a century. Not only did the DLCC protect every Democratic majority, but we flipped four chambers red to blue and fundamentally shifted the legislative political landscape for this new decade. This cycle, we're focused on capitalizing on our success by defending our ground and working to expand Democratic power.

The DLCC is pursuing a bold strategy to win back America's state legislatures. The threat is urgent: Republicans are continuing to radicalize against our fundamental freedoms and democracy as we know it. To stop them, we must build on our momentum from 2022 to win back chambers in states like Arizona, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire while defending our progress in Michigan, Minnesota, and the Pennsylvania House. These critical states impact the path to the presidency, the fight for the U.S. Senate, and numerous competitive gubernatorial seats. They're also where the GOP is dead set on banning abortion rights, attacking the LGBTQ+ community, and trampling on voting rights. **The DLCC is leading the fight to win back power, and it starts right now. We've been in the trenches, we see the opportunity, and we're ready to capitalize on expanding the map.**

Democrats have already had a series of electoral successes this year. In Virginia, just after the new year, Aaron Rouse flipped a Senate seat from red to blue — creating additional padding to Democrats' margins as we work to maintain control of the chamber ahead of elections in November. Democrats won three critical special elections in Pennsylvania to reaffirm our House majority. In New Hampshire, Democrats notched another special election victory that put us just three seats away from the majority in the 400-seat state House — meaning the chamber is in reach this year.

Democrats have critical opportunities to win this year in Virginia and New Hampshire, and in 2024, those opportunities multiply. The DLCC will target critical states where we have the best chance to build Democratic majorities — and we need the full power of the Democratic Party infrastructure behind us.

Now is the time to double down on our investments from the 2022 cycle. The DLCC's work has put state Democrats in a position to spend 2024 breaking new ground and working to protect and expand Democratic power across the country.

Protect and Expand our Power

We are laser-focused on setting Democrats up to build durable Democratic majorities that can fend off MAGA Republican spending. Coming off of a historic midterm cycle where the DLCC and state Democrats defied the odds, we are capitalizing on our momentum to build stronger state legislative majorities. Winning the decade starts with protecting our progress and expanding into GOP territory. We will target the following chambers to protect our progress:

- Michigan House
- Minnesota House
- Pennsylvania House
- Virginia Senate

The DLCC's wins in 2022 have opened up opportunities across the map to break GOP trifectas and flip vulnerable Republican-held chambers from red to blue. We're investing early to gain ground in these states. With the right resources, we can make a play for the majority and win these chambers:

- Arizona House & Senate
- New Hampshire House & Senate
- Pennsylvania Senate
- Virginia House

Power Play States

In 2024, the DLCC is also investing in states where other levers of power could impact the agenda in the legislature. We know that these strategic decisions will put Democrats in a better position for cycles to come.

These states and chambers represent opportunities for us to build for the future and to protect Democratic governors' vetoes, allowing them to block GOP attempts to trample over our fundamental freedoms:

- Georgia House
- Kansas House & Senate
- North Carolina House & Senate
- Wisconsin Assembly & Senate