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Good evening fellow Republicans! Thank you Mei for inviting me to speak, and thank you Ann to give me this opportunity. Today is a special day for all Chinese, because it is the first day of a lunar year. Happy Chinese New Year to all of you.

Interestingly, the lunar calendar we use to determine Chinese New Year Day was developed about 400 years ago in the late of Ming Dynasty by an European scholar Johann Adam Schall von Bell. He was a Jesuit missionary. He was also known by his Chinese name, 汤若望 (Tang, Ruowang), which shares the same surname as me.

According to Chinese zodiac, this year is the year of pig. Next year is the year of rat, followed by ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, roster, and dog. But we know all years are of our Lord. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD", America's history has witnessed this verse and I wish Democrats could recognize it. I became American citizen in 2012. One of the reasons that I decided to be naturalized was to contribute my vote to vote out Obama. At that time I did not see a lot of Chinese Americans involving politics. I did not have any Chinese friends talking with me about general election. But it was different in 2016. Suddenly almost all my friends openly discussed their thoughts about Presidential campaigns and local elections. I was glad to notice that none in my friend group had extremely left ideology and almost all my friends shared the same conservative points of view.

In the beginning I was a Dr. Ben Carson supporter. When Carson decided stopping his campaign and endorsed Trump, I was confused initially but very quickly I realized that only Trump could win because he knew how to beat media bias and deliver a clear message to American people. I started participating in volunteer work in April, and went to Lynden in the late of May to attend the first Trump rally in Washington State. Because of my volunteer record, I got a chance to stand in the first row to listen to Trump's speech, and shook hand with him afterwards and got his signature. In Trump's Everett rally, I was invited by State Senator Doug Erickson to speak as a regular citizen why to support Trump. I told the audience that the reasons I supported Trump was because he knew how to create jobs, he would choose justices who respect our constitution, he would reform the immigration system, and

he would lead us to make America great again. President Trump has done and is doing all of those.

2016 was an awakening year for Chinese American in politics. Nationwide, Chinese Americans heavily involved in Trump campaign. Volunteers were mobilized to do door belling, especially in several swing states such as PA and FL. In more than 10 key states, we donated money to fly a banner "Chinese Americans for Trump", including in Seattle, WA. Locally, we participated in phone banks, put signs on the streets, made donation for Trump campaign.

Why We Chinese Americans suddenly became so politically active? That is because what Obama and the left did not only hurt America, but also hurt Chinese American's interests. We wanted a great America, but the left elite wanted us to believe and accept that the falling of America was inevitable (actually, what their doing is making America falling). We wanted good and fair education system, but the left-dominated public education system did not focus on educating students, but brainwashing them with homosexual and transgender agenda. We wanted fair and equal opportunity, but the left wanted equal results and opportunity based on skin color. We all knew how harmful the illegal drugs are, but Democrats promoted legalizing marijuana and building heroin/cocaine injection centers. We patiently wait to immigrate into this great country legally, but Democrats want to open border for the illegals. As immigrants from a Socialism country, Chinese Americans don't believe Democrats' socialism ideology and don't want to live in a socialism country any more. Just like President Trump said in UN, ideologies of socialism and communism inevitably lead to anguish, devastation and failure. The human history has proved that and many of us have firsthand experience. But Democrats eagerly embrace socialism ideology and agenda. People always thought Democrats help minorities, but just like President Reagan said "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help." Asian Americans often do not follow Democrat's narrative. They are hardworking and believe they can change their families' situation through education, diligence, and frugality. That

is why Democrat party often don't consider Asian Americans minority. In many these aspects, Asian Americans' believes were close to Republican's conservative ideas. More and more Asian Americans will recognize that and begin to support Republican candidates and agenda. To my knowledge, several political organizations have been established to educate Chinese American voters with conservative principles, to help promote Republican agenda, to assist Republican candidates' election campaigns (in this past mid-term election, many Chinese American volunteers participated in donation, phone call, and door-belling). Asian Americans can be an important and powerful force in Republican party. Let's work together to make America, our country, great again.