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**PODER PAC ENDORSES
TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON
FOR CONGRESS IN NV-02**

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Teresa Benitez-Thompson's campaign.

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, PODER PAC, the first and only political action committee founded by and for Latinas to elect pro-choice, Democratic Latinas to Congress, is announcing the endorsement of Teresa Benitez-Thompson for Nevada's 2nd congressional district.

"Teresa Benitez-Thompson's groundbreaking leadership in the Nevada Legislature and her lifelong commitment to serving working families make her a powerful voice for Northern Nevada. As one of the first Latinas elected to the state legislature and the first Latina to serve as Assembly Majority Floor Leader, Teresa has helped pave the way for more Latinas to lead and shape the future of our communities. PODER PAC is excited to see her bring that experience and dedication to Congress," **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.**

"Teresa Benitez-Thompson would make history as the first Latina to represent Nevada in the U.S. House, bringing her longstanding commitment to working families and public service to Congress. We are proud to support Teresa and excited to see her continue breaking barriers as the next Congresswoman representing Nevada's 2nd Congressional District," **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.**

"Northern Nevada is my home: it's where I grew up, where my husband and I are raising our four children, where we attend church, and where I have dedicated my life to serving my community. I am honored to have the support of PODER PAC so that all of Northern Nevada, including Latino families like mine, can have the real Northern Nevada representation in Congress that they deserve," **said Teresa Benitez-Thompson, candidate for U.S. Congress NV-02.**



PODER PAC fuels innovative candidates who are determined to change the current political landscape and the institutions that govern us. Our empowered Latina candidates demonstrate a commitment to our Latino community and the inequities we face everyday.

PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Teresa Benitez-Thompson, joining Nevada State AFL-CIO, National Organization for Women PAC, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, and BOLD PAC.

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About PODER PAC

Founded in 2008, PODER PAC is the only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress. An organization by Latinas and for Latinas, PODER PAC works to recruit, support, and connect pro-choice Democratic Latinas running for Congress. Since our founding, PODER PAC has supported over 90 Latinas running for elected office.

About Teresa Benitez-Thompson

Teresa Benitez-Thompson is a longtime Northern Nevada public servant, former Nevada Assembly Majority Floor Leader, and the Democratic nominee for Congress in Nevada's 2nd Congressional District.

Teresa was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 2010, becoming part of the first generation of Latinas elected to the Nevada Legislature. She served for 12 years representing Washoe County and rose to become the first Latina to serve as Assembly Majority Floor Leader. During her legislative career, Teresa worked on issues including health care, public education, economic opportunity, reproductive freedom, and support for Nevada families.

Before entering elected office, Teresa worked as a social worker, an experience that shaped her approach to public service and gave her firsthand insight into the challenges facing families and communities. She also served on the Board of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte from 2007 to 2008, reflecting a longstanding commitment to reproductive health and women's rights.

After leaving the Legislature, Teresa served as Executive Director in the Office of Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford, where she helped lead a statewide public office and continued working on issues affecting communities across Nevada.



Throughout her career, Teresa has focused on practical problem-solving, coalition-building, and ensuring that communities too often left out of decision-making have a voice at the table. She has also worked to mentor and support women, Latinas, and emerging leaders in public service. Teresa is now running to represent Northern Nevada in Congress, bringing more than a decade of legislative leadership, executive experience, and deep ties to the region she calls home.