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I am Mexican-American and I am proud of my beautiful culture but growing up my dad never spoke Spanish to us. My father maintained that we were American and so we only spoke English. I tried to learn as a young adult and into adulthood, but I have never been able to pick it up. I danced ballet folklórico all through my childhood and teenage years and adored being able to learn so much about my culture and share that with the community through our performances, but I always felt isolated because I often could not join in the conversations my peers were having in Spanish. I spent years being frustrated at being denied such a critical part of my identity, so one day I asked him why. He told me that when he was a small child, his teacher would lock him in the closet whenever he spoke Spanish at school. It was then that I understood my dad was simply trying to protect me from that discrimination and he knew because I could pass, my life would be easier this way. Now we have come a long way as a country since when my father was a child, but many people still feel this fear and isolation. As the party of inclusion, we need to do better. We cannot tell people how we think they should participate and we should be open to listen. Everyone has specific needs and we need to make sure those voices are not only amplified, but actually heard. I'm proud to be running on a slate that is full of diverse backgrounds and looks like the people of Nevada. I am confident that these people are the right people to continue our progress forward towards a better party and continued Democratic victories.

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