



CONGRESSMAN HOWARD COBLE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Bob Crumley
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Dear Bob:

I have just learned of your plans to seek the Republican nomination for Attorney General in 2008. Based on our friendship now spanning three decades – and more importantly – based upon your remarkable strengths as an attorney, businessman and leader in our state, I am pleased to offer my early endorsement of your candidacy. I am *particularly* proud to endorse you as a constituent of longstanding from the Sixth Congressional District of North Carolina.

You have assembled a record of achievement on many fronts: you have built one of the state's leading law firms, which is devoted to the rights of individuals and the preservation of the jury system, exactly as envisioned by our Founding Fathers. You have succeeded as a respected and responsible developer, adding new luster to the skyline of the Piedmont. You have also taken important leadership roles in state and local government and in civic endeavors, always striving to give back to our community.

It is apparent that your skills and experience will bring a fresh and exciting leadership and legal advocacy to the North Carolina Department of Justice. Consumer protection, criminal prosecutions and working with local law enforcement to keep our homes and communities safe are among the most important and basic functions of government. We will always need the very best advocate, the most thoughtful lawyer, and the strongest, no-nonsense manager to lead the Department of Justice through these persistent challenges. There is no one more prepared or more capable of achieving the complex missions assigned to this office than you.

I not only offer my unqualified endorsement and support, but I will urge others, Democrats, Republicans and independents alike, to join your campaign effort. I am confident that you will infuse 2008 with new energy and winning enthusiasm that is evidenced by your strong and early start on this important cause. I look forward to your success, and I stand ready to assist you, Teresa and your team on the campaign trail.

Sincerely,

HOWARD COBLE
Member of Congress