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Dear Republican Friends:

I want to take a moment of your busy day to let you know that I am endorsing and supporting **Bob Crumley** for the Republican nomination for **Attorney General of North Carolina**.

Although this important office will not be on the ballot until 2008, it is critical that Republicans across North Carolina unite behind a strong, qualified candidate to lead the Department of Justice. I describe this as an important office because, second only to the Governor, the Attorney General can have greater impact in protecting the rights, property, and improving the quality of life of every North Carolinian than any other elected state office.

**Bob Crumley** has the work ethic, drive, and intellect in a variety of life experiences to qualify him to carry the Republican standard for Attorney General in 2008. As you know, the Democrats have used the Attorney General and the Department of Justice to advance their partisan political agenda and as a stepping stone for their candidates for higher office. Mike Easley was attorney general. Rufus Edmisten was attorney general. Lacy Thornburg was attorney general. Robert Morgan was attorney general. Democrats have used the Department of Justice to fight fair redistricting of our legislature, and the fair election of judges. They have fought our state and federal employees and tried to tax their retirement benefits. They defended the unconstitutional tax on our citizens intangible assets, and wasted millions of tax dollars by refusing to settle and then losing in court. They have harassed our great Governor Jim Martin with trumped up investigations which wasted taxpayer's money and amounted to nothing.

**Bob Crumley** will put a stop to using the Department of Justice for partisan agendas. Yes, **Bob** is a lawyer – and a good one. (The Attorney General must be a lawyer.) Just as important **Bob** started his own law firm from scratch and now manages a company that employs 150 people. As I like to say about myself, **Bob** knows what it means to meet a payroll every week. He is the first candidate for Attorney General in my memory who knows how to run a large organization.

Ever since he served as a student intern for Governor Holshouser, **Bob** has worked and supported scores of Republican candidates for state, local, and national office. He has earned his political spurs in the Randolph County Republican Party, and in this day of advertising and fund raising knows and appreciates the work and sacrifice of loyal Republicans who have worked for years to build a two party state.

Let's unite behind **Bob Crumley** and make him our Republican nominee for Attorney General. He will do us proud! – And, as always, my thanks to you for giving me the privilege of serving you as your United States Senator.

Sincerely,  
Lauch Faircloth

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lauch Faircloth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".