

February 23, 2006

Honorable Andy McKenna, Chairman  
Illinois Republican Party  
205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1245  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Andy:

When you took the position as State Party Chairman you remarked that it was not going to be an easy task to rebuild the Illinois GOP into the party that we once were but with all of us working together that we could achieve the task.

As Illinois Republican County Chairmen, we are on the front line, on main street if you will, and we have witnessed our party in the recent past basically disintegrate over differences which have evolved in Primary Elections. Frankly, we are tired of trying to patch up our organizations after feelings have been trampled by fellow republicans; we are tired of seeing dollars wasted in the fall campaigns in trying to reestablish our candidates images which have been tarnished in the primary; and we are tired of losing elections because of intra-party strife.

Some of us are backing different candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, but we all respect our candidates. We want them to wage aggressive and spirited campaigns where they promote their ideas for the betterment of all the residents of Illinois. We expect our candidates to speak honestly, not to take another candidate's record, platform, and/or remarks out of context, and to refrain from combative rhetoric which will only aid the other party in the general election.

We, as leaders of the Illinois Republican County Chairman's Association, offer our commitment and support to you in your efforts at fostering a Republican Primary campaign which is aimed at helping us to victory in November 2006.

Respectfully,

*Officers of the Illinois Republican County Chairman's Association*

Robert "Bob" Turner, President of the Association, Boone County Chairman

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