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**VIA US MAIL & EMAIL**

**Re: Tennessee Democratic Party**

Dear [Executive Committee Member]:

Please allow this letter to introduce myself, advise you of my decision to run to be the Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, and to set forth my reasons for doing so. I truly believe that our party in Tennessee is at a crossroads, and I would respectfully ask for your consideration.

I believe that my experience uniquely qualifies me for this position at this important time. In 1998, I ran for the State House of Representatives in District 45 (Sumner County) against Diane Black in an open-seat election. From that experience, I learned first-hand the challenges that face many of our candidates from raising money to organizing to utilizing available technology to crafting a message in a strongly-leaning Republican district. Since then, I have worked in and assisted various campaigns throughout Tennessee, including serving as Harold Ford, Jr.'s Finance Chair in his 2006 U.S. Senate race. From that experience, I learned the roles that energy, enthusiasm and organization can play and the importance of broadening our fundraising base, establishing credibility across our many constituencies, and embracing an electoral strategy from Mountain City to Memphis. In addition, since March 2007, I have served on President-Elect Barack Obama's National Finance Committee and have witnessed the profound impact that an organized and committed volunteer base and innovative technology can have.

As Chairman, my focus would be four-fold: [i] broadening our party's fundraising base, which would include a program that would propose sharing certain contributions between the state party and the local party or organization designated by the donor; [ii] strengthening our candidate recruitment tools and resources; [iii] facilitating a unified message and communications plan across our various constituencies in a manner that would continue the efforts that Gray Sasser and Kim Sasser Hayden have made by implementing regularly scheduled conference calls with the Executive Committee and County Chairs as we develop and implement that message; and [iv] developing the party's technology that would culminate in a concerted 95 county get-out-the-vote operation, which would include making training available for our Executive Committee members. I sincerely believe that together we can continue building a party that embraces all 95 counties, including the rural and urban areas of Tennessee, and that involves the various different views and ideologies on which our party has been built and which has historically allowed the party to thrive.

Please understand that I know and respect Chip Forrester and his efforts. I know that he has worked with you for many years and I am appreciative of the work that you all have done together. However, I see a certain direction and a compelling vision for the Tennessee Democratic Party over the next two years that motivates me to undertake this effort.

Finally, please allow this letter to formally ask for your support. I will be calling and attempting to meet with you in the coming days to solicit your advice and input. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615/423-7037 or by email at [crb@bonelaw.com](mailto:crb@bonelaw.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CRB' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles Robert Bone