



I cannot express how special this day is for my family and me. Earlier, the Republican Party of Virginia announced the candidates that qualified for the primary ballot on June 13th. **I am truly humbled and honored to be the only Republican candidate for Attorney General to qualify.** As your nominee for Attorney General, I want to thank you for your support and urge you to get involved with our campaign as we now focus on beating Mark Herring in November.

I have spent more than fourteen months traveling all across our beautiful Commonwealth, meeting with thousands of voters. I have met with so many of our fellow citizens who are tired of feeling like their government no longer serves them, but rather serves itself. They want an attorney general that respects the rule of law and will defend the laws they pass through their elected representatives in the General Assembly.

Having never sought political office before, a lot of people didn't give us much of a chance when we announced way back on January 27th of last year. But we had a great 2016, raising over \$700,000, which outpaced previous Republican candidates for Attorney General. In November, we released a list of endorsements from leaders all across the Commonwealth, coalescing support for our campaign from all across the Republican Party.

While endorsements and money matter—and we'll need plenty of both going forward—**I want to take a minute and thank our volunteers for getting us to this point. Through their incredible hard work and dedication, we would not be where we are today.** And I would be remiss if I did not mention the remarkable determination of my staff. Despite overwhelming odds against us, they never gave up, and I truly appreciate all their hard work as well.

So I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you, Virginia Republicans. **I am humbled to be your Republican nominee, and we have a great opportunity to get a head start on ensuring victory in November.** I pledge to you that I will work tirelessly in the coming days and weeks to earn the support of all Virginians, proving to them that I will be an Attorney General who serves all Virginians by fairly and consistently enforcing and applying the law of Virginia.

I look forward to working with you as your Republican nominee for Attorney General. Now let's get to work and defeat Mark Herring on November 7th!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Adams", written in a cursive style.

John Adams