

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
NORTH CAROLINA



JAMES B. BLACK

September 12, 2006

Dear Friend,

It is now less than 60 days before the general election.

I am running for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives in District 100. This will be the most difficult election I have faced in many years due to the onslaught brought on by my political adversaries and the media. It will be very expensive to offset the extremely negative campaign that I am already experiencing.

I NEED YOUR HELP.

I have led the Democratic Caucus for 12 years: 4 years as Minority Leader, and the last 8 years as Speaker. You know my record. I have promoted education, helped to transform the economy of North Carolina, made healthcare more accessible and affordable, and have worked for a balanced tax structure. My leadership has been forged by consensus building – not only within the Democratic caucus, but throughout the General Assembly as a whole.

As you know, the political and personal attacks have been relentless. But I have met the opposition head-on, answered all the questions, and will continue to do so. My caucus support remains strong and I also have the support from many on the other side of the aisle.

This is a time when cooperation is imperative to face the challenges of the coming session. I have demonstrated my ability to do that. We must continue to move North Carolina forward: investing in education, investing in technology development, investing in health services, and finding every way possible to make life better for all our citizens.

As you know, the war that has been waged against me from zealous critics and a renegade “consultant” has been fraught with blatant exaggerations and many things taken completely out of context.

A new Speaker is elected every two years. I have far more commitments than anyone else in the House. **I ask you to continue to support me.** The Committee to Elect Jim Black can accept contributions of up to \$4,000 in either personal or PAC funds.

Time is of the essence. The war is already under way. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Black".

ps – if you are a registered lobbyist, I am not asking for a personal contribution, but if you would kindly forward this to the PACs you represent, I would be most appreciative.