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**Re: Senate Campaign**

Dear Governor Crist:

As Jim Horne recently said, "Friends stick with friends." Count me among your friends. I have supported and will continue to support you, whether you pursue the Senate seat as the Republican Party nominee or as a Republican with no party affiliation.

Throughout your career, you have governed with integrity and the courage to make decisions that are in the best interest of the people of Florida, even at great personal cost. Your dignity has been an inspiration, and to me, cordiality is a sign of strength, not weakness. We need Senators willing to do what is right, and you have proven that you will. By the way, I, too, resole my shoes, and I have never paid more than \$12.00 for a haircut.

One of the Republican Party of Florida's principles states: "We must retain those principles of the past worth retaining, yet always be receptive to new ideas with an outlook broad enough to accommodate thoughtful change and varying points of view." Our party's leaders have strayed, and now promote ostracism and shunning when a point of view differs. By winning in November, whether as the Republican nominee or as the only candidate who truly embodies the Republican Party's principles, Florida and this great country of ours will be well-served.

I wish you continued success, and I thank you for always placing Florida's interests first. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,  
  
Ryan Christopher Rodems

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