



CATHERINE CRABILL FOR DELEGATE

2009 Republican nominee in the 99th Legislative District of Virginia

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NATIONAL GUN-RIGHTS GROUP BACKS CRABILL'S CANDIDACY FOR DELEGATE Gun Owners of America Launches Statewide Fund-Raising Effort for Republican Nominee

WHITE STONE, Sept. 17 – Gun Owners of America, a national gun-rights organization, has launched a statewide campaign to raise financial support for Catherine Crabill, the Republican nominee for the House of Delegates in eastern Virginia's 99th Legislative District.

The fund-raising effort by GOA, with headquarters in Springfield in Northern Virginia, comes a week after Larry Pratt, the group's executive director and former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, endorsed Crabill's nomination at a Sept. 10 meeting of the Northumberland County Republican Committee in Heathsville.

Founded in 1975, GOA is a leading national advocacy organization lobbying to preserve and defend the Second Amendment's constitutional rights of gun owners.

In a fund-raising "alert" letter sent to GOA's Virginia members – entitled "Candidate Under Fire for Being Pro-Second Amendment" – Pratt urges that credit-card contributions be sent to Crabill through her campaign's Internet Website – www.catherinecrabill.com.

Donations already have begun coming in.

Pratt's letter criticizes Republican leaders for disavowing Crabill for her remarks at a July 22 rally of the 99th District Tea Party at the Old Northumberland County Courthouse in Heathsville.

Crabill, Pratt wrote, "is being condemned for this statement: 'We have the opportunity to fight this at the ballot box before we have to resort to the bullet box.' Not unlike what Luby's massacre survivor Dr. Suzanna Gratia Hupp told Senator Charles Schumer [D. N.Y.] in a Senate hearing: 'We need our guns to protect ourselves from people like you.' She went on to be elected a Texas State Representative."

Hupp survived the Oct. 16, 1991, spree shooting at Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas, in which 23 people were murdered and another 20 wounded before the assailant committed suicide after he was shot by police. Hupp, whose mother and father were killed in the massacre, had left a handgun in her vehicle because it was illegal under Texas law to bring it into the cafeteria.

"Crabill's remarks," Pratt wrote, "are also right on message with a campaign ad run by former U.S. Senator Steve Symms: 'American democracy is based on three boxes – the ballot box, the jury box, and if need be, the bullet box.'

"Who would object to that besides an anti-gunner?"

Of GOP leaders disavowing Crabill, Pratt wrote: "It is this attitude that the politicians can do anything that they want and grab more and more power to shove their unconstitutional agendas down our throat that has so aroused the American people.

"We can tell Catherine Crabill that we have her back and assure her that we support her."

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