

**Honorable William Clinger**  
**Former Member of Congress**  
(R. Pa. 1978-1997)

April 11, 2008

Dear Fellow Republican:

It was an honor for me to represent the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. North Central Pennsylvania is a beautiful area as well as having some of the richest natural resources in the country.

As your former Representative, I have watched with great interest the current contest to fill this Congressional seat. Like our abundant natural resources, we have an abundant supply of candidates who are seeking your support. I am sure that many of them are qualified. However, in this difficult election year for Republicans you need to select the strongest possible candidate.

I believe that Derek Walker is that candidate and I am pleased to wholeheartedly endorse him for the position as your next congressman. I have known the Walker family for more than thirty years. Derek's father and grandfather have been leaders in their community, county and throughout the region and Derek reflects the same outstanding qualities of leadership. He has solid conservative principles and a deep understanding of the District's problems and its promise as well as its people. He has the "right stuff" to effectively represent our rural conservative values.

With the need for energy independence, the region is perfectly positioned to take advantage of our abundant natural resources, which will translate into good jobs with a real future. Derek strikes me as just the person to make it happen.

As a successful small businessman, Derek Walker understands the economy and how important a toll free I-80 is to making the economy work for us, and he will fight to keep it that way.

I am confident that Derek will take the same approach I took while serving in Congress and that Ronald Reagan took as President; working to hold down the cost of government and to reduce taxes.

I urge you to join me in supporting Derek Walker and to vote for him on April 22.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Clinger