



**Republican  
National  
Committee**

**To: RNC National Committee Members**  
**Fr: Ken Mehlman**  
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Over the two years that it has been my privilege to serve as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, we have accomplished great things. We raised a record amount to support our candidates. We took what was already the best get-out-the-vote operation in modern political history and made it better. We invested in new technology and a new database that will help our candidates in 2008 and beyond. And we made historic strides in returning the party of Lincoln to its roots by reaching out to new faces and new voices. None of us are pleased with Tuesday's results, but I could not be more proud about the state of the Republican National Committee.

It is with pride in those accomplishments that I'd like to inform you of a decision that I made some months ago and planned to deliver in person: I do not intend to run for another term as your chairman. I am sorry that the media got in front of us on this, preventing me from discussing this with you in person. Nevertheless, I would much rather you have this news from me, even by email, than read it in the headlines tomorrow.

For the past six years, our Party has benefited from the strong commitment and active support of President Bush. He and I have talked and he is strongly committed to remaining a vital supporter of the RNC for the last two years of his term. And he looks forward to recommending a new chairman for you to consider. On Monday, I will convene a conference call to discuss my departure, and the immediate future of the Party as we all move forward.

On a personal note, it's been an honor to serve this President and this Party for the last seven years. My first campaign helping Ronald Reagan at 14 inspired my lifetime of commitment to the Republican Party, and to serve as chairman of that Party is a tremendous privilege. And after traveling 313,000 miles to 218 cities over the last two years, following serving as the President's campaign manager, White House political director, and field director in 2000, I can say with conviction that I still look forward to working with each and every one of you to ensure victory in 2008, even though it will not be as your chairman.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this President, this Party, and each of you, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Ken Mehlman  
Chairman, Republican National Committee

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