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Dear friends and supporters of Stuart Bain,

Representative Goodlatte called in his volunteers a little over a month ago, quite sure he could win the election without lifting a finger. When you're a successful lawyer associated with a status-quo establishment, it's not hard to get too comfortable around dollar amounts in the millions this time of year. Now he is asking his supporters for donations of \$2,400 each in a letter dated September 7th. In this letter, he mentioned that he has two opponents, which, "may have gone mostly unnoticed." Without mentioning either opponent, he attacked the liberal agenda and railed against the Obama-Pelosi-Reid trifecta. I'm not sure why he did this, seeing as there is no Democrat in the race and Stuart Bain is more fiscally conservative than Bob ever has been. Congressman Goodlatte doesn't know how to campaign on the issues, so once again, he's just spewing madness against the Democrats in a room full of people who also aren't fans of the Democrats. This is childish, plain and simple.

What this tells me is that Bob Goodlatte is scared. Our 18-year incumbent shooed his campaign staff away and now we're making him sweat and swear. More pressing, though, is why does he now need more money than he already has? He has an enormous campaign war chest and now he wants more. There is roughly 50 days left until election and Bob now foresees himself needing campaign funds in excess of \$850,000. That is a lot of spending. But then again, when you are accustomed to spending billions of dollars in Washington, it would probably be tough to reign in that spending when it comes close to home.

I'm not sure why Bob didn't mention Stuart Bain or independent Jeff Vanke by name, but we at Bain For Congress are in favor of educating voters to all of their options.

Bob Goodlatte is your current Congressman. Despite his claims of fiscal conservatism, Bob supported Medicare Part D, a measure which expanded socialistic concepts in the rule of US law. He wants to replace the IRS, but unlike Stuart Bain, he has no clue what he wants to replace it with. Bain supports the Fair Tax Plan. Bob supports, according to his speech at LaborFest 2010 in Buena Vista, "something else".

Bob claims to be a fiscal conservative and acted like he was outraged over the recent string of federal bailouts and stimulus packages. However, he personally ensured that NTELOS received \$16 million from the federal stimulus money, awarding a dying telecommunications company and exempting them from the free market [Blue Ridge Business Journal, 2/15/2010].

Bob has had 18 years to stand up for Virginia's Sixth District, but for 18 years he's sat in the back and taken orders from Republican leadership to stay quiet. Virginia's Sixth could have a strong presence in the House of Representatives, but Bob stays quiet and takes orders from the GOP, giving no thought to his constituents as the GOP leadership hands him his agenda and tells him how to vote. For 18 years, Bob Goodlatte has given the same speeches talking about the same problems and talking about the same change we need, regardless if there was a Republican or a Democrat President and regardless if there was a Republican or Democrat majority in the House and Senate. Time is the true test here. If in 18 years, nothing has changed

at all for him in his eyes, maybe it is time to get some new, young, fresh blood in Congress to represent the 6th district. Virginia's 6th deserves to be represented by someone who isn't taking payoff money from lobbyist groups and companies like Monsanto. It's time we have someone who represents the district and is willing to stand on principle instead of representing a party and special interest group money.

On the civil liberties front, Bob Goodlatte is one of the worst. In all four years (2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008) that the Human Rights Campaign issued a score card of Congress, Bob Goodlatte consistently scored 0%.

Independent Jeff Vanke is hard to describe because even he doesn't seem to know what he is. He started his campaign as sole candidate of /the Center Party of the United States, a political party he established himself. Now he is a member of a party called the Modern Whigs. The Whigs, mind you, were dissolved in 1856. His main campaigning tool is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet demonstrating how he is allegedly the only person who can balance the budget. Aside from demonstrating the utterly simplistic nature of his misunderstanding of the American deficit, his spreadsheet offers a chance for the rest of us to improve upon his work. Stuart Bain took the spreadsheet and, in five minutes, came up with a \$2 trillion surplus by eliminating wasteful government programs. Jeff believes that the best way to fix our economy is to encourage investment in US Savings Bonds. We wish him luck with that.

Stuart Bain is a Libertarian who believes in an open, free market and an expansion of civil liberties. He supports your First Amendment rights to speech, press, and religion; and he supports your Second Amendment right to protect your freedom and property. Stuart is the only candidate on the ballot who fully supports the popular growing FairTax Plan as a replacement for our current tax law, and he is the only candidate on the ballot who supports getting the government out of the business of regulating and controlling personal relationships through licensing marriage. Stuart also supports Ron Paul's Sanctity of Life Act, and he is the only candidate to publicly support the act.

Ponder this: for someone who has barely even acknowledged he has opponents in this race, probably due to the fact that he doesn't want to risk debating Mr. Bain, it sure seems interesting that this far into the race, he is going to need an exorbitant amount of money, in excess of \$850,000, to win this election. Seems a little strange to us, too.

We here at Bain for Congress are asking for donations of \$0.25, \$0.50, \$0.75, or whatever you can give. We understand how to stretch a loaf of bread for a week and how to make every egg in a carton go to good use. Your pennies will be put to good use. Besides, is now really the time to be asking for \$2,400 from people during an economic crisis?

In Liberty,
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