

SENATOR JIM WEBB  
*Virginia*



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Dear Virginia Fire Fighter:

In 2006, I was honored to have the strong support of Virginia's professional fire fighters in my successful campaign for the US Senate. I will never forget your commitment and friendship.

Like many in your profession, I have devoted much of my career to public service. Before coming to the Senate I was honored to serve our country as a Marine infantry officer in Vietnam, then as a committee counsel in the Congress, and for five years in the Pentagon, including time as assistant secretary of defense and Secretary of the Navy. Military veterans and fire fighters share a common bond of service and sacrifice. I thank and applaud you for making our communities safer.

I write you as a fellow Virginian to encourage you to vote for Barack Obama. Our country is at a cross roads. We need someone who can tackle our complicated domestic issues while safeguarding and protecting our country internationally. Barack Obama and Joe Biden have the judgment, courage and ability to lead us forward.

I urge you to review the records and positions of each candidate especially as it relates to the bread and butter issues that will be affecting your daily lives over the next four years. Simply put, Barack Obama is better for working families. His positions on the economy, health care, taxes, retirement security and dealing with our financial markets benefit Main Street, not Wall Street.

On fire fighter and labor issues, Barack Obama's record is especially strong. There is no comparison. Barack embraces collective bargaining, employer paid health care, defined benefit retirement systems and, most importantly, making sure that fire fighters remain protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). He is the only candidate with these priorities.

We are fortunate to be living in a great country. We need leadership that will move our country forward, meeting challenges, creating opportunities and ensuring that our children and grandchildren will live in a safe and secure world. Barack Obama and Joe Biden provide that leadership. Please join me in helping elect the Obama - Biden ticket this November.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Webb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Webb  
U.S. Senator

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