

# REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

## **Video Message – President George Bush**

*When White House leaders and Cabinet Secretaries participated in G.O.P. fund-raisers and other activities, the RNC Writers Group, which I led, was called upon to provide speeches, talking points and other materials. I prepared this script for the President in order to facilitate his appearance in an RNC-produced video that was designed to help state G.O.P. leaders attract high-quality candidates to run for office.*

## **Script for President George H. W. Bush**

“Candidate Attraction: Your Ticket to Victory”  
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When we think of service to country, we often envision those in the armed forces, or those who as firefighters and police officers put their lives on the line for our protection. But, patriotism comes in many forms – and one of the most challenging is serving your fellow citizens through public office.

Public office is where leaders grow, where ideals take direction on their way to improving lives. It’s also the place where Republican leadership gets the chance to test its mettle, to shape the policies and create the partnerships that will move this nation forward, state by state, community by community, neighborhood by neighborhood.

During my time as President I have continued to work to advance policies that are true to our party’s spirit of opportunity, family and self-determination. But, that work has been hard – made even harder by a Congress polarized against our vision of America, an obstructionist Congress whose mission it is to thwart our own. I know you feel the same about Democrats in your own state, some of whom have had power so long they consider it their birthright. They see their jobs as keeping things the same – in a world that’s ever moving ahead.

The American people deserve better leadership; and we can give it to them. But, the only way we can is to elect Republicans to office at every level, especially in the tough seats. We must challenge every incumbent and do our level best to fill open seats with Republicans.

The key factor in achieving this is quality candidates; we can make no progress without them. So, I am asking you today to make a heartfelt effort to attract and run the best candidates you can find. Put your energies into getting them elected. Then, work with them to improve your state, your town, and your community.

Thank you!