

Dear Friends,

April 4, 2018

I'm proud to endorse my friend and champion of the Conservative movement Walter Jones in his last run for Congress.

I can tell you that there is no more respected statesman in Congress than Walter Jones. He works so hard for you and for the Conservative principles you hold dear and does so with no expectation of reward or fanfare. He is known as a man of honesty, integrity and faith that truly has a servant's heart and a passion for protecting the Constitutional principles upon which our great Republic was founded.

I know much has been made about a few of Walter's votes but I can tell you that they were votes of conscience, knowing that they would not have an effect on the overall passage of the legislation. Walter has been the most outspoken voice in Congress on our growing national debt and his stance has been successful in his desire to draw attention to the issue. To take a few votes out of context and try to paint Walter Jones as anything but the strong Conservative that he is is disingenuous and the typical political rhetoric that makes Washington politics such a toxic environment.

I want to remind you that Walter Jones and I stood side by side in our efforts to remove John Boehner from the Speakership, knowing that he was a stumbling block to our Conservative agenda. If you would ask veteran Washington observers the one man who has stood the longest and strongest against the Washington Establishment, I believe most would answer "Walter Jones".

Walter has never been afraid to take the tough positions, even if the political consequences may be severe. If it is good for the people of Eastern North Carolina and it upholds the principles of our Founding Fathers, Walter Jones will fight the fight. Primaries are not uncommon to those of us who are willing to stand for what is right. (I have a primary myself this year) Like myself, Walter probably could have avoided a primary by changing a vote or two, but Walter always puts principle over politics.

Let me close by saying lobbyists have become a part of the Washington culture and although there is a place for those who want to represent the interests of their groups, there are others who use their money to try to buy influence in our Chamber. I implore you to think twice before giving up your Congressional seat to the uncertain influence of a lobbyist and their ties to the Washington Establishment. It is very hard to imagine someone "draining the Swamp" that they helped to build and finance.

I ask for your continued support and prayers for our Congress, our President and our Republic.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Meadows". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Congressman Mark Meadows