

# John Adams

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear ARC of Virginia,

I commend, celebrate, and value the work of ARC throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to advocate for the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Because of the dedication of ARC's staff, volunteers, families, and caregivers, enormous progress has been made to help Virginians and their families with intellectual and developmental disabilities live a full life.

This dedication can be seen through advocacy for the implementation of state policies that improve quality of life and care.

As attorney general, I will represent all Virginians by defending the laws passed by our citizens through their elected representatives. That means, when Virginia's laws are not being fairly or justly applied, I will be there for you.

I am running for attorney general because I believe the office has become too politicized. I believe our current attorney general has picked and chosen what laws of the Commonwealth he wants to defend depending on whether they fit within his own personal political agenda.

That will not be the case if I am attorney general. I have spent the majority of my career in public service – as a Naval officer, federal prosecutor and a lawyer for President Bush. I have never run for political office before and unlike my opponent am not a career politician. I understand the true meaning of service and will bring those values to the attorney general's office. This means serving all Virginians.

One big issue I know you are working on is the state's settlement agreement with the Department of Justice regarding how the state cares for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is important to me that we ensure high quality community-based services to care for individuals as they transition from state facilities back to their communities. We must make sure the care is high quality, and we owe it to you and your families that this is the case before the transition happens. We must provide better care within our communities.

It has been a year and a half since I first announced my candidacy for attorney general, and now we are in the home stretch to Election Day. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like to learn more about why I am running for office.

Sincerely,



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