

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL – From Len Crosby, House District 3 seat:

Earlier this week, my 90-year old mother who still lives in her own home in Kentucky, had a fall and was admitted to the hospital. Since then, it has become apparent that the many and complex issues associated with providing more intense care for Mom, handling the medical issues that have resulted from her fall, and managing Mom's personal affairs, will require greater involvement on my part.

We all want to do the best for our family and our Community. We all want to be of service to others. I am no exception.

I have been afforded wonderful opportunities to do my small part to serve this Community through my involvement in several Community organizations. Recently, many of my friends and associates honored me by encouraging me to run for public office and represent them in the State Legislature. I accepted that honor and two weeks ago announced that I would run for the seat in the Idaho House of Representatives currently held by retiring Representative Frank Henderson.

Duty to family must, however, take precedence over other ambitions and commitments. Because of that, and after a significant amount of prayer and discussion with my family, I have come to the decision to withdraw my name from consideration.

This decision was painful, and has not been easy to make. I know that many of you have been required to make similar decisions regarding the care of a family member. Despite that, I do feel that - in some sense - I am letting down those wonderful folks who encouraged me and who offered me their support and assistance. I can only hope that they and each of you will understand the reason for my decision and the fact that at this time, I have been called to devote more of my time and energy to the needs of my family.