



## Kevin Cramer Statement on Candidacy

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For the past eight years I have had the honor of serving the people of North Dakota on the Public Service Commission. Since being appointed by Governor Hoeven in 2003, I have been elected twice, winning both times with over 60% of the vote. During this time, North Dakota's economy has grown at a rate unequalled in the world, largely due to our energy development, our dynamic agricultural sector and our solid manufacturing and technology base. Now, I want to take my electoral success and policy expertise into the race for North Dakota's lone seat in the United States House of Representatives.

As a candidate, I am a proven statewide winner. As an elected official, I am a proven leader. And, as an experienced public servant, I uphold an optimistic vision for our future.

America sits on the brink of economic collapse - with out of control spending, intrusive, crushing regulation, high unemployment and unfortunately, a complete lack of vision for what to do about it. We have never needed the experience and skills I can bring to Congress more than right now.

The past eight years I have helped develop and oversee the most dynamic economy in our nation.

As an energy economic regulator, I have worked hard to ensure North Dakotans enjoy some of the lowest rates in the nation, enhancing our competitive position in the global marketplace. While other states and our nation drive our industrial base overseas with policies designed to drive up the cost of doing business, I've advocated policies which not only maintain, but attract industrial development and the good jobs it creates, from the Red River Valley to the Badlands. Ever since I was the State Director of Economic Development in the second Schafer administration, North Dakota's manufacturing industry has been growing, and I want to ensure it has every opportunity to continue growing.

Facilitating a safe and efficient marketing system for our agricultural commodities represents the roots of my current job on the PSC. I am proud of our farmers and country elevators, working every day to produce, market and transport our crops for the benefit of our agricultural producers and a hungry world.

And while billions of dollars have been invested mining our rich coal reserves, building power plants, installing pipelines and electric transmission lines, we have still maintained the cleanest environment in the country. With the appropriate regulatory touch, I have maintained both the letter, and the spirit of the law, in a way that welcomes investment and jobs while ensuring the welfare of our citizens and care for our land and values.

In the last decade, I won two statewide races by wide margins. In fact, since becoming an elected official, I have not had an opponent get over 35% of the vote.

North Dakotans know me. They know I am a consistent, common sense, conservative who means what he says and says what he means. A proven, vetted candidate, there are no surprises with me. Kris and our family enthusiastically join me in this race at this crucial time. Like me, they are concerned about the direction our nation seems to be heading, but we remain hopeful that - with the right leadership - America's best days are yet ahead of her.