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Former Nussle Staff Member Joins Rod Blum Congressional Campaign

Rod Blum announced today that Steve Webber, a former staff member of Congressman Jim Nussle, has joined his campaign for the Republican nomination to Congress from Iowa's new First District. Webber will be communications director for the campaign.

Webber was press secretary to Jim Nussle from 1996–2000. When Nussle became chairman of the House Budget Committee, he promoted Webber to be the committee's director of electronic communications (2000-2006). Webber also was director of electronic communications for Nussle's gubernatorial campaign in 2006.

Prior to joining Nussle's staff, Webber was a political reporter for the Dubuque Telegraph Herald from 1989–1996, and for the Ottumwa Courier from 1986–1989. During his time as a political reporter, Webber covered city, county, state and federal government and elections, including the presidential campaigns of 1998, 1992 and 1996.

Blum said, “Steve Webber and I have known each other for years – back to when he wrote politics for the Telegraph Herald and I was chairman of the Dubuque County Republican Party. Steve has seen political campaigns and government from both sides of the looking glass, and his experience and insight will be invaluable to my campaign.”

Webber said, “What attracted me to Rod's campaign is that Rod has REAL business experience. This country's economy is hurting, and the financial condition of the federal government is pointed in a very dangerous direction. People are nervous and scared about losing their job, paying the rent, and putting food on the table.”

“We've got more than enough lawyers in Washington already,” Webber added. “We need people in Congress with REAL business experience who have met a payroll, balanced a budget, and understand how Washington regulations are strangling the ability of small business to turn this economy around. We need more people like Rod Blum in Congress.”

Webber added, “I am happy to be back in the trenches working for a good man who will fight to renew the American Dream for everyone. Iowa's new First District is very similar to the district that Jim Nussle represented, and I look forward to renewing acquaintances with people throughout Northeast Iowa.”