

Groundswell of Support for Ted Cruz Continues to Build

Presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) continues to rack up the endorsements, picking up four more in the past 24 hours.

They include Dr. Chuck Harding and Pastor Michael Creed, leaders of a Christian ministry committed to the education, engagement and encouragement of the nation, particularly among Independent Baptists. Also, he's been endorsed by U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) and Eddie Calvo, the governor of Guam.

In a written statement, Harding and Creed praised Ted Cruz for his integrity, his grasp of the Constitution, his defense of the unborn, and his economic platform. "Ted Cruz is the man who can lead America back to moral and financial strength, restore cultural unity and re-establish the principles which this great nation was founded upon," they concluded.

Harding is a missionary evangelist. He has conducted Constitutional Awareness conferences throughout the United States for the past 14 years, educating people of faith about their role in the political process and opportunities to impact public policy. Creed has pastored the Independent Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland, for 22 years.

Together, they enlist fellow Christians in encouraging lawmakers spiritually. They also host annual conferences for pastors and their congregations at the U.S. Capitol, facilitating an understanding of government, defending religious liberty and Christian values, and praying for government leaders.

"Both my father and I have been encouraged by the ministry of Dr. Harding and Pastor Creed," said Cruz. "Their work to mobilize Christians and cultivate integrity in government is

desperately needed, and their impact in Washington is tangible. I am grateful to have their support and look forward to working together to awaken people of faith in our nation.”

The Cruz campaign touted Meadows, who is in his second term, as “part of a new group of consistent, principled conservatives in the House pushing for limited government, fiscal responsibility, and restoring the rule of law and respect for the Constitution.” In a press release regarding his announcement, the Cruz camp said Meadows has been a leading voice for strengthening national security, protecting life at every stage and growing the economy by reducing burdensome and ineffective regulations.

“We are approaching a historic election that has the potential to fundamentally change our nation as we know it. Ted Cruz is the principled, conservative leader we need in the White House,” Meadows said. “On issue after issue, Cruz has told the truth and done what he said he was going to do. It may not make him a lot of friends in Washington, but it is exactly what the American people expect of their leaders. Folks across this great nation are sick and tired of the Washington way and demand real change. Ted Cruz is the best-positioned leader to restore power to the people and uphold the Constitution at this historic moment in time.

“I’ve worked closely with Ted on a number of issues from pro-Israel initiatives to fighting for school choice, and I know that he always puts the interest of the country first. That’s his consistent record. I am proud to join with the millions of conservatives coalescing around his campaign, coming together to force Washington to finally listen to the American people. I look forward to working with Ted in North Carolina and around the country to make him the next president of the United States.”

While residents of Guam do not vote in the General Election, because it is a U.S. territory, not a state, its voters may

participate in the Republican presidential nominating process. Calvo, who is in his second term as the territorial governor, will lead Cruz's effort to win delegates there.

"Ted Cruz is listening to voters in Guam like no other candidate," he said. "He uniquely understands the issues facing not just Guam, but other Pacific Islanders. Guam will proudly vote to nominate Cruz as our party's nominee at the Republican National Convention."

Calvo previously served five terms as a senator in Guam's territorial legislature, where he served as vice speaker, acting speaker and chairman of the legislative finance, public works and health committees. As governor, he has been a strong fiscal conservative and champion of the Second Amendment and has set in place strict fiscal reforms to pay down and refinance Guam's huge budget deficit.

"I'm honored to have the support of Governor Calvo," said Cruz. "He is a proven leader who hasn't been afraid to fight Washington to ensure a better, brighter future for Guam."

Additionally, the Cruz campaign has released an expanded list of its Iowa leadership team ahead of the first-in-the-nation Iowa Republican Caucus. It includes 130 Iowa pastors, 12 state legislators, and 260 county chairs and co-chairs across all 99 Iowa counties.

"This campaign is about standing for principle and coalescing conservatives to work together to fight for our shared values," Cruz said. "The grass-roots army that has come together here in Iowa is being replicated all across the country. The members of this team represent not just the thousands of Iowans who have come together to support our campaign, but also the tens of thousands of people who are engaging to help restore the promise of America."