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Independent Presidential Candidate Says Bush Failed Country on National Security

SAINT LOUIS, MO -- Independent U.S. Presidential Candidate Blake Ashby issued a video and position paper calling attention to the Administration's failures on National Security. (www.ashby2008.com). Ashby noted that by almost any measure, this Administration has made the U.S. less secure.

"As we remember 9/11, we also need to remember that the man who ordered the attack, Osama Bin Laden, is still free." said Ashby. "We should stop pretending that this Administration has done a good job on National Security. At too many critical junctures it has made decisions that have made us more vulnerable, and the Administration's decision to invade Afghanistan with only 5,000 troops will go down as perhaps the greatest strategic blunder in U.S. history." Ashby noted that if there were another attack by Al-Qaeda against the U.S., it would be in part because arrogance and incompetence on the part of this Administration caused it to ignore the counsel of our Military. As a result, Al-Qaeda survived and Islamic radicalism has spread.

"Unfortunately I am deathly afraid that the Democrats will botch the election again, and we will somehow elect a Republican who thinks the Administration has done a great job on National Security." said Ashby. "And if that is the case – if we elect a Republican as President who thinks that this Administration has done a good job, and continues its policies, then I am concerned that the next "smoking gun" is not going to be a plane flying into an office building, it is going to be a mushroom cloud over an American city. If we elect a President who thinks that this Administration is doing a good job, then we are making our country less safe."

About Ashby 2008

Blake Ashby is a life-long Republican who is running as an Independent Presidential Candidate because he has become frustrated with the fiscal irresponsibility and misplaced social conservatism of the party. He believes, as so many Americans do, that the strength of the our Nation's Government has been weakened by political hypocrisy on the parts of both major parties, and their neglect of the critical issues that affect America most is making our Nation vulnerable. Ashby's goal is to stimulate debate on the hard issues facing our country, and hopefully to help force the Republican Party to return to its roots.

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