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## **FAMB Endorses Bill McCollum for U.S. Senator**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 13, 2004--The Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers ("FAMB") announced today that they have endorsed former Congressman Bill McCollum for the Republican Nomination for United States Senator from Florida.

Congressman McCollum has a long and consistent record of supporting the Mortgage Industry. Several times in the past he has stepped forward to protect the nation's mortgage supply and distribution network from poorly conceived attempts at legal or regulatory reform - changes that would have negatively impacted hundreds of thousands of consumers and thousands of America's Mortgage Brokers - most of which are small businesses.

Incoming FAMB President Van Johnson said, "Bill McCollum has repeatedly acted in a manner protective of Florida's consumers. He understands that the Broker Community produces approximately 70% of all residential mortgages. His open door policy to the FAMB and our national association while he was in Congress also drove our decision."

Outgoing FAMB President Nelson Locke added, "Bill has the integrity and consistency to protect our Industry. We are asking all Florida Mortgage Professionals to get out and support Bill McCollum in Florida's upcoming Senate Race. Let your voice be heard. Remember how hard we fought to protect our Industry from recent ill-conceived attempts at Respa reform. With Bill McCollum in Washington we should have the access needed to insure that we are never 'blind sided' again. Florida needs a Senator that cares about small business and is a man of his word."

Bill McCollum's campaign web site is <http://www.mccollumsenate.org/>

Founded in 1960, the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers is the nation's oldest and largest professional Mortgage Brokers Association. We represent over 50,000 Mortgage Industry Professionals and have chapters all over Florida. In the past few months membership has increased by almost 50%. FAMB members are dedicated to integrity and service in every transaction. Visit the FAMB web site at <http://www.famb.org>. The web site allows you to search for an FAMB member in your area. For more information about FAMB contact Executive Director Karen Wordell at (800) 289-9983. You may email her at [famb@supernet.net](mailto:famb@supernet.net).

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