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U.S. SENATOR-TO-BE AND  
 ALMOST AMERICAN IDOL

**CLAY AIKEN**  
 IS COMING TO YOUR TOWN.

**NEXT STOP:**

KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATRE AT REGENCY PARK  
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### Clay on...

- ALTERNATIVE ENERGY:** Those gas prices are just killing my tours!
- EDUCATION:** I love kids! They love my records! I worked at a YMCA!
- ENDING THE WAR:** Bring those strapping, young, handsome service-men (and women) home now!
- HEALTH CARE:** Elizabeth Dole needs to pay less attention to making Bojangles' commercials, don't you think?
- NORTH CAROLINA:** I live here!

Dearest Citizens of North Carolina,

I know what you're thinking: "Clay Aiken is too young to run for Senate." But that's not true. I turn 30 on Nov. 30, 2008, which—according to Article 1, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution—means I can be a Senator if I want to be a Senator! Betcha didn't know I was so smart, huh?

Let's face it: I'm young, vibrant, energetic and popular. I'm a proven vote getter: Sure, I respectfully and cheerfully lost *American Idol*, but—in route to a second place finish, the cover of *Rolling Stone* with my shirt seductively unbuttoned, and a debut album that topped the charts and sold 613,000 copies in its first week—I received more than 119,935,000 million votes. In 2002, Elizabeth Dole received 1,229,822 votes, which—if you're keeping count at home—is a little more than 1 percent of my total votes. Now, she's the 95th most powerful lawmaker in Senate. I continue to sell out arenas and state fairs. Thanks for trying, Liddy! Now move along before I put my foot up your armrest.

I am more than the *Measure of a Man*. I should be the Senator of a State. Vote for me, please. I'm a registered Democrat, so send campaign contributions in my name to: Clay Aiken for Congress, c/o N.C. Democratic Party, 220 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27603.

Toodles—

Clay Aiken