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## **5,000 for Pera: Netroots community asks you to contribute to Mark Pera for Congress**

Leaders of the Democratic Netroots community (DailyKos, OpenLeft, SwingStateProject, DownWithTyranny, FireDogLake and Crooks&Liars) have banded together to help us close out our campaign for change in Washington D.C.

If you've been waiting to contribute, we are just 22 days out from the Feb. 5 Democratic Primary Election here in IL-03 and it's time to get involved in "the big push." To find out how to do that, please give us a call at (708) 579-2834.

The goal, as outlined by DailyKos' own Markos Moulitsas Zuniga, is to collect 2,700 online contributions to bring our total number of online contributions to 5,000.

If change is the theme of this election year, we have a unique opportunity here in IL-03...

Mark offers this district a new direction and mainstream Democratic values. As most of you know by now Congressman Dan Lipinski has voted consistently with President Bush and the Republicans on the issues that matter most to Americans - Iraq, energy and the environment, choice and embryonic stem cell research.

Just like voters across the country, voters here are sick of politics as usual in Chicago, Cook County, Springfield and Washington D.C. They are fed up with the nepotism, cronyism, corruption and back-room deals. On Feb. 5, we can bring an end to these practices by electing Mark to Congress.

Please join the greater Netroots community and give to Mark Pera for Congress today. Your contribution will help keep our TV ads running on cable TV and keep our direct mail pieces in the mailboxes of Third District voters.

Because he is an independent Democrat, Pera has already received endorsements from the city, county and state's leading reformers, including Cook County Commissioner Forrest Claypool; Illinois Sen. Dan Kotowski and Carol Ronen, Illinois Reps. Sara Feigenholtz, John Fritchey and Greg Harris; Chicago Alds. Manny Flores, Joe Moore, Brendan Reilly, Tom Tunney and Scott Waguespack. He is also endorsed by Blue America, Blue Majority, Democracy for America (DFA), Citizens Action/Illinois, Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century, Illinois Planned Parenthood Council, NARAL/Pro-Choices America, Northside DFA, Oak Park DFA, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, United Citizens for a Better America and The Doings newspaper.

For more information, or for media inquiries, call Mark Pera for Congress at (708) 579-2834. Please visit our Web site, [www.PERAO8.com](http://www.PERAO8.com).

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