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Democracy for America to host rally, canvass for Mark Pera for Congress

DFA chair Jim Dean helps organize grassroots outreach for Mark Pera

Burlington, VT -- Democracy for America, our nation's largest progressive political action organization, will hold a rally in support of Mark Pera's campaign in Illinois' 3rd Congressional District. The rally, scheduled for Sunday, January 27 at 1:00 PM at Connie's Pizza, 2373 S. Archer Chicago, IL 60609, will be followed by door-to-door canvassing and phone banking by local DFA members.

DFA Chair Jim Dean and Mark Pera will be on-hand to address the crowd before going out to knock on doors and speak to voters and residents in the district.

"Mark Pera offers true, progressive Democratic leadership," Jim Dean, Chair of Democracy for America, said. "We are proud to support his campaign and we are excited to be in the district to speak with his constituents."

Pera is challenging Dan Lipinski in Illinois' Feb. 5 primary.

"The scandals around Dan Lipinski are a disgrace, he has no business representing Illinois in Congress," said Sandra Verthein with Northside DFA; a local Democracy for America coalition group that is supporting Mark Pera's campaign. "Mark Pera is a leader, a Democrat, and the type of person we so desperately need in Congress."

"The support of Democracy for America has been crucial for my campaign," Pera said. "Elections like these are won at the door and over the phone. DFA knows that when neighbors speak to neighbors progressives win."

WHAT **Mark Pera for Congress Rally and Canvass**
Democracy for America will hold a rally followed by door-to-door canvassing and phone banking in support of Mark Pera's congressional campaign.

WHO **Jim Dean**, Chair of Democracy for America
Mark Pera, Democratic candidate, Illinois 3rd Congressional District
Sandra Verthein, Northside DFA
William Maggos, Loop DFA

Eric Davis, Oak Park DFA

WHEN Sunday, January 27, 2008
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Rally
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Canvass and Phone Bank

WHERE Connie's Pizza
2373 S. Archer
Chicago, IL 60609
Two blocks north of the CTA Halsted Stop (Orange Line).

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For more information or to schedule an interview with DFA Chair Jim Dean or DFA Executive Director Arshad Hasan, please contact Daniel I. Medress at 802-651-3200, ext. 148 or media@democracyforamerica.com.