

*Fundraising Letter for 2008 congressional campaign*

Dear Friend,

Are you ready to join us in the active participation of democracy? For democracy to flourish, the citizenry must be active and work continuously to develop and improve it. We must invest our time, our energy - and our money. **The best opportunity for change is not getting the money out of politics, it's getting the people involved.**

We're inviting you to become an empowered member of the Independent movement. We are the Virginia chapter that offers a home to one-third of our population who claim no allegiance to any political party. Rather we pledge allegiance to the United States of America as it was intended – under God – by our founders.

Declare your independence from the ideologues, the lobbyists and the bought and paid for career politicians. We want to improve the conduct of political campaigns and ensure that vital issues are debated and discussed. Now more than ever, ordinary Americans must apply their philanthropic know-how to the political arena.

We are asking you to become a paying member of our movement in order to restore Independent America. We need to finance candidates, initiatives, petition drives, debates, civic forums and grassroots campaigns that develop American democracy and shift control away from special interests.

**If you believe that participating is the lifeblood of our republic...** then become a founding member of our Independent movement. By helping my campaign in these last two weeks, we can make it to all the remaining events to feature our candidates, debate the major parties and recruit others in the cause of Independents.

**If you believe each elected office should have at least two candidate choices...** help us field a candidate in each of the 100 House of Delegate districts in 2009. Become one of 2000 precinct captains to help us organize throughout Virginia. Help us identify other citizens who share your love for family and the importance of working for a better tomorrow. It only takes a few hours a month to make a tremendous difference.

**If you agree that we need more voices and more choices in elections...** Run for office! From registering people to vote ... to recruiting candidates for office ... we empower, encourage and excite our citizens to VOTE, JOIN & RUN. Running is winning. Winning is being part of the debate and offering positive solutions.

All you have to do is respond to our appeal. Send in your gift of \$10, \$20, \$40, \$75, \$100 or more. Secure online donations can be made [here](#) or at [IndyGreens.org](http://IndyGreens.org).

Sincerely,

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