



## “PDA IS THE REAL THING.”

*PDA is the real thing. The organizers of PDA are smart, tenacious, and committed. PDA stood by my side when we battled the corrupt vote count in Ohio, and when we held our hearing on the lies exposed in the Downing Street Minutes and every single day as we have kept our eyes on the prize of ending this war in Iraq. We continue to work together to pass HR 676, which will create a universal single payer system to guarantee health care for all.*

— Rep. John Conyers

## What is PDA?

*Progressive Democrats of America* was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens—not corporate elites—with policies that serve the broad public interest, rather than private interests. As a grassroots PAC operating *inside* the Democratic Party, and *outside* in movements for peace and justice, PDA played a crucial role in the electoral victory of November 2006. Our inside/outside strategy is guided by the belief that a lasting majority will require a revitalized Democratic Party built on firm progressive principles.

For over two decades the party declined, as its leadership listened more to the voices of Wall Street than those of Main Street. PDA strives to rebuild the Democratic Party from the bottom up—from every Congressional District, to statewide party structures, to the corridors of power in Washington—where we work arm in arm with the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC). In just a couple of years PDA and its allies have shaken up the political status quo on issues from the Iraq war, to voter rights, to economic justice.

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# **HEALTHCARE NOT WARFARE**

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As Martin Luther King Jr. observed forty years ago, **“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”** While the insurance and pharmaceutical industries post huge profits, the U.S. health care crisis grows steadily worse.

Today, nearly one in six Americans has no health insurance. Tens of millions of others are woefully under-insured. Meanwhile the war in Iraq drains our resources and overburdens our budget. Our government’s duty is to protect us—**security begins with our health and well-being at home.** In 2008, we have an historic opportunity to turn from warfare to health care for all.

**We call on the Democratic Party** at all levels—in party platforms and resolutions—to commit to redirecting wasteful and unnecessary military spending to meet human needs. This commitment must start with **comprehensive, guaranteed health care**—driven by the needs of patients and the judgment of doctors. We call on Democrats to support a plan, which **eliminates any financial barriers** between the patient and health care providers, resulting in a patient not receiving medically necessary care.

**We call on members of Congress to bring the troops home** from Iraq and to **pass H.R. 676**, Rep. John Conyers’ bill which guarantees comprehensive publicly-funded, privately-delivered health care for everyone in the U.S.

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