

A Message from Congressman Dennis Kucinich (OH)  
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Dear Friend,

Thanks to your encouragement and that of many Americans, I am stepping forward as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. My candidacy represents an opportunity for a fundamental shift in our nation's international and domestic policies. My campaign is to bring before the American people international policies which can create peace and prosperity.

As you know, our nation stands poised to wage aggressive war against a nation which did not attack the United States. I have led the effort in the House to challenge the Bush administration's march to war in Iraq. We are at a point of transit in human affairs which will describe not only what kind of nation we have, but who we are as a people.

I want to reinstate the meaning of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to begin anew to eliminate all nuclear weapons from this world. **I want to see the United State participate in** the Biological Weapons Convention, Chemical Weapons Convention, the Land Mines Treaty, the Small Arms Treaty, and **the International Criminal Court**. It is time we take a stand for the global environment and affirm the Kyoto Global Climate Change Treaty.

The current administration's policies of preemption, unilateralism and first-strike use of nuclear weapons are inconsistent with the long-term security interests of the American people. These policies will only cause resentment and anger to build towards our country, affecting not only our lives, but the lives of our children.

As the next President, I will move forward, in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to create a full-employment economy, a national health care system with guaranteed quality health care for all, and guaranteed retirement security for all. I will work to end the loss of jobs cause by so-called "free trade" by canceling NAFTA and the WTO. Our nation should return to a bilateral trading system where adherence to workers' rights, human rights, and environmental quality principles opens the doors to fair trade with America.

We know this country is capable of so much more. We know that now is the time to move away from war. Now is the time to create a new world.

You can help this campaign to affect the course of history. Your encouragement brought me this far. Your help makes possible a new America.

Please visit my website at <http://www.kucinich.us/> to volunteer. Our campaign is also in need of immediate funds in this start-up phase. Whether you are able to contribute money or time, a visit to our website will facilitate your contribution.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your support.

Dennis