



March 14, 2008

Dear Raul,

Congratulations on the strong start to your campaign. We are proud of what you have achieved in this early stage and look forward to working with you to meet the critical challenges ahead.

As you know, this cycle Florida will again be a central battleground in our efforts to strengthen and expand the Democratic Majority in Congress. While Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart represents a continuation of the Republican status quo, South Floridians need a candidate like you who reflect their values and will fight for change.

Last Saturday, we saw the strongest evidence yet that no Republican seat in the country is safe. A Democrat won a solidly Republican seat held for more than 20 years by the former Speaker Dennis Hastert on the issues of children's health care, the economy, and Iraq and propelled our Democratic candidate to victory.

Congratulations again on your strong start. We look forward to supporting your campaign and helping you become our newest Democratic partner for change in Washington.

Best wishes,

Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House

Steny H. Hoyer  
Majority Leader

James E. Clyburn  
Majority Whip

Rahm Emanuel  
Democratic Caucus Chair

Chris Van Hollen  
DCCC Chair