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believe the path to a permanent majority must include a revitalized Democratic Party guided by 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. 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.

We will reach our goals through an inside/outside strategy — working inside the Democratic Party to build the progressive base in the party, and outside with *street heat* building alliances outside the Democratic Party on shared issues. By establishing chapters in all 435 congressional districts, we are creating an information and action conduit that allows us to effectively organize in response to or in support of congressional actions. We work with the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) to support and bring forward progressive legislation.

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