

Kucinich gears up for re-election fight

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CLEVELAND - Rep. Dennis Kucinich is raising money for his congressional re-election campaign, hoping his Ohio district will send him to Washington for a seventh term. "Right now, I'm under attack by corporate interests, most of them from the city of Cleveland, who have an agenda that has nothing to do with the people of my community, nor with most people in this country," Kucinich says in a video posted on his congressional campaign Web site, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported Thursday. Kucinich abandoned his run for the White House Thursday. A day earlier, Cleveland City Councilman Joe Cimperman, one of four Democrats vying for Kucinich's seat, began airing a 30-second ad on local stations blasting Kucinich for missing pivotal votes in Congress and ignoring the district while he campaigned for president. Kucinich has missed 139 votes during the current Congress, including key votes on predatory lending and veterans health care, according to a database of congressional votes compiled by washingtonpost.com, the newspaper reported. Kucinich's video makes an indirect reference to Cimperman's ad. "Already, television commercials are flooding the Cleveland airwaves with a message that is designed to try to knock me out of office," Kucinich says in the video.

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