

Obama backers defend Pelosi comment

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WASHINGTON - The left-leaning group MoveOn.org is calling on its members to back a petition that criticizes a group of presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton's supporters. The Hill reported that the petition is in response to a letter that a group of the New York senator's supporters sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., which MoveOn said threatened Pelosi for suggesting superdelegates back the candidate with the most pledged delegates. "This is pretty outrageous: a group of Clinton-supporting big Democratic donors are threatening to stop supporting Democrats in Congress because Nancy Pelosi said that the people, not the superdelegates, should decide the presidential nomination," said MoveOn, which is backing Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., in an e-mail to supporters. Pelosi, who hasn't endorsed either Clinton, D-N.Y., or Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has said she believes it would harm the party if superdelegates were perceived as overriding the popular vote, The Washington Post reported. The candidates weighed in on the issue, with Clinton's camp accusing Obama of "trying to shut this race down," and the Obama campaign accusing the fundraisers of withholding financial support from Democratic Party campaign committees.

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