



"This may give people the confidence to declare themselves," Schakowsky said.

But Crowley said he wasn't certain how unannounced lawmakers would react to the growing rolls of dec

"We're going to be with this for a long haul. I've said all along that this is a marathon and not a sprint," he

Couching his New York support in terms of personality and not policy, Crowley said that the diversity of

Crowley already had the backing of the other three members of his 20-member home-state delegation.

"We all come with different backgrounds," he said.

"Ultimately it comes down to relationship with people over the years. Personality has as much to do with

He singled out Charlie Rangel (N.Y.) as one of his key supporters, indicating that he planned to use him

Schakowsky also said that her supporters would be trying to persuade their friends to support her candid

"These are people that are publicly willing to do more outreach independent of me, to their allies and the

In addition to the New Yorkers, Crowley's list of supporters includes Artur Davis (Ala.), Al Green (Texas)