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Obama to Campaign for Perriello

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According to the Daily Progress, President Obama will go to Charlottesville Friday to campaign for Cong. Tom Perriello at the University of Virginia.

Perriello is in a tough fight and a visit from Obama cuts both ways. It may help motivate young voters to turnout next Tuesday but it may also motivate GOP-leaning Independents to do the same. Perriello must have made the calculation that with GOP already fired up, motivating his base was the best way to punch back.

The decision to dispatch the President also shows something the public polls do not: This race must be close enough that the strategists at the White House think they can win it.

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