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## U.S. Senate Candidates Respond to MCAE ABE Questionnaire

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Boston, MA: Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) is pleased to announce that four U.S. Senate candidates have responded to MCAE's Adult Basic Education Questionnaire sent to all the declared candidates for U.S. Senate. "As a service to our members, MCAE has gathered information on the positions of candidates for U.S. Senate regarding issues that are of great concern to the field of adult basic education," said Kenny Tamarkin, Executive Director of MCAE. "We are sharing with our members the responses that we have received so far from Mike Capuano, Martha Coakley, Alan Khazei and Steve Pagliuca and will be making them available publicly to anyone interested on MCAE's website," added Tamarkin. To read the questions and candidate responses please visit [www.mcae.net](http://www.mcae.net).

MCAE is a statewide membership organization of educators, adult students, and others who support equal educational opportunities for adults. MCAE is dedicated to the advancement of adult education through high quality services and professionalism in the field from basic literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages through transitions to post-secondary education.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) includes Literacy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Family Literacy, General Educational Development (GED), pre-GED, Adult Diploma Programs (ADP), External Diploma Programs (EDP), transitions from ABE to college and job training, and Workforce/Workplace Education that addresses any of these areas.

As a 501(c)3 organization, MCAE will not be making any endorsement of a candidate, nor will we comment upon the answers we receive. Our goal is to share, with our colleagues around the state and with the public,

answers submitted by the candidates exactly as we receive them.

The ABE questionnaire was sent to all declared candidates for the U.S. Senate. If MCAE receives additional responses from declared candidates we will share them on [www.mcae.net](http://www.mcae.net) as soon as we receive them for review by our membership, allies and the public.

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