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Calling for Progressive Leadership for All, McCabe Campaigns for Representative

Medford, MA, 24 March 2008—Last year, with over 100 supporters present at a house party in Medford, Patrick McCabe announced his candidacy to represent the 35th Middlesex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has not stopped campaigning since that muggy night in June. Citing a wide range of concerns about the kind of representation people in Malden and Medford deserve, McCabe will be initially focusing his campaign efforts on the Democratic primary to be held in September.

"Our district needs a leader that will represent fairly, without hypocrisy," McCabe said. "The families of Malden and Medford need a representative who will work hard for better access to affordable quality health care, demand more support from the state in order to provide property tax relief and support needed infrastructure improvements, and push for a tax structure that benefits working families instead of large corporations," he continued.

Though health care, education and taxes are on the list of important issues, the catalyst for McCabe's candidacy has been civil rights. The candidate said, "Allowing voters to strip away basic equality from our friends, our families and our neighbors is an affront to the values that are the foundation of our democracy." McCabe indicated, "I have a passion for fairness and a commitment to focusing on the needs of all families that live in Malden, Medford and beyond."

Born in Somerville to a working-class family, McCabe, 36, has spent most of his life in the area. "I know this area very well and have fond memories of my grandparents' home in Medford, where I certainly spent a lot of time as a child. I feel very connected to this community," he said.

Currently a labor union organizer, McCabe is a West Point Military Academy graduate and veteran. After graduating, he served seven years in the Army—as a ranger, then as a company commander assigned to the 101st Airborne Division in Kosovo. "This experience taught me leadership skills and so much more, especially the value of equality and the importance of opportunity," said McCabe.

McCabe plans on winning the election by reaching every voter within the district. "We have over five months to knock on doors and make phone calls in order to get our message out. The campaign will be won by reaching out to voters, person by person, family by family." McCabe said.

Campaign volunteers recently took a break from door-to-door canvassing to greet voters during the presidential primary in March. "The response to our campaign was phenomenal," said campaign events coordinator, Julie Abruzzio. "Voters were very receptive to our message and agree that we need new leadership," she continued.

ABOUT PATRICK MCCABE—Patrick McCabe is a pro-worker, pro-equality, pro-choice, pro-stem cell research and pro-family candidate seeking to represent the 35th Middlesex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. More information about the candidate and the campaign is available on the campaign's Web site, www.McCabeForRep.org. The campaign can also be reached at 781-874-1224.

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