

## Massachusetts 2018 Congressional Primary Candidate Questionnaire

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Role in campaign (candidate, campaign manager, etc.): Campaign Manager

### Nuclear Weapons

1. Do you support a law to prevent the President from launching a nuclear first strike unless Congress has declared war? (HR.669/S.200)  Y / N
2. Do you support the Administration's program to build new generations of nuclear warheads, submarines, missiles, strategic bombers, cruise missiles, and bomb production facilities? Y /  N

Additional Comments: I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 669.

**I do not support the Trump Administration's efforts to provide the Department of Defense with armaments that neither the Joint Chiefs nor any of the Armed Services have requested. I do not believe there is a need to expand America's nuclear deterrent.**

### Korea

3. Do you support a diplomatic solution to tensions with North Korea, in which the United States would give security guarantees and make peace with the North, in cooperation with President Moon and the South Korean government?  Y / N

4. Do you support a law to prevent the President from launching a military strike on North Korea unless Congress has declared war? (H. 4837 / S. 2016)  Y / N
5. Additional Comments: **I am an original co-sponsor of HR 4837.**

#### Middle East

6. Do you support congressional legislation similar to S.J. Res. 54, halting the unconstitutional involvement of the US in the Saudi intervention in Yemen?  Y / N
7. Do you support legislation to prevent U.S. military intervention in Syria, stationing military forces there, and providing assistance and training to insurgents?  Y / N
8. Will you vote to terminate the U.S. military intervention in Afghanistan?  Y / N
9. Do you support the Iran nuclear deal, and continued dialogue with Iran to resolve other areas of tension between our nations?  Y / N

Additional Comments: **I have introduced HR 1923 to forbid the use of US military forces in Syria without the constitutionally mandated Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF). I joined with a bi-partisan group of 11 Members to sue President Obama for attacking Libya without AUMF. No president should be free to do this. I have voted several times to withdraw US forces from Afghanistan.**

#### Israel/Palestine

10. Do you pledge to "Skip the Trip" -- to refuse the all-expenses-paid tour of Israel that's offered to all freshmen in Congress by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC? Y /  N/A
11. Do you support the "Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act", introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum (HR. 4319)? Y /  N
12. Do you oppose "anti-BDS" legislation that seeks to undermine our First Amendment freedom to boycott (HR. 1697 / S.720)?  Y / N

Additional Comments:

When I was in my first term, I did "Skip the Trip." I eventually travelled to Israel under the auspices of another Jewish group with the explicit understanding that I would meet with Palestinians, including members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and ANERA, American Near East Refugee Assistance, a group that aids Palestinian refugees, in the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon

I do not support HR 4319, as now drafted. I do not believe it presents a balanced account of the continuing tragedy of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I oppose HR 1697 on First Amendment grounds. I do not support BDS but I believe others should be free to advocate it.

#### **Military Budget**

13. Will you join the Congressional Progressive Caucus and vote for its [People's Budget](#)?  Y / N

14. Do you support significantly reshaping the Pentagon budget? Y / N

15. If so, what types of programs would you identify for potential reduction or elimination?

16. Comments:

I have been a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus since I first entered the House and the CPC has honored me with its endorsement in this campaign.

I have consistently supported the People's Budget,

It is the responsibility of Congress to set spending priorities to fund essential programs, meeting both domestic and defense needs. I believe that the primary fight in Congress over the Department of Defense budget will be to limit spending to that actually requested by the DOD and NOT to fund all the add-ons sought by the President and some Republican Members of Congress. Until Congress can limit military spending to that actually requested by the Pentagon, discussions about how to control it are academic.

17. If MAPA were to pledge its support, how would you prefer we help your campaign? (select all that apply) **If MAPA chooses to endorse my candidacy, I would consider myself fortunate to receive all the forms of assistance you offer. I feel it would be presumptuous to make any specific requests at this point.**

a. Endorsement – **I would be honored by MAPA's endorsement.**

- b. PAC contribution for general, primary, or both
- c. Online bundling
- d. Fundraising conference call
- e. Hosting fundraising events
- f. Local and/or national press release on endorsement
- g. Quotes for your press release and other communications
- h. Messaging guidance and talking points
- i. In-kind donation of a professional organizer(s)
- j. Email list exchange (ours is about 6k)
- k. Recruiting of volunteers inside and/or outside of district
- l. Voter outreach phone banking
- m. Social media support
- n. Issue briefing with experts
- o. Op-eds, LTEs, and other media in support; district or state

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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