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This voter guide has been prepared by Massachusetts Peace Action to inform the public about the candidates' positions on peace and foreign policy issues. The candidates' positions are based on their responses to our questionnaire. **This guide is not to be construed as an endorsement of any candidate or political party.** The candidates' detailed positions on these and other issues are available at www.MassPeaceAction.org or by contacting members@masspeaceaction.org.



Michael Capuano



Martha Coakley



Alan Khazei



Steve Pagliuca

Afghanistan				
Supports an increase in U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan.	NO	NO	NO	NO
Supports the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.	YES	YES	YES	NO
Supports development and diplomacy in Afghanistan over military approaches.	YES	YES	YES	YES
Supports the current use of drone strikes in Afghanistan and Pakistan.	*	*	*	YES
A Diplomatic Solution with Iran				
Supports a range of additional sanctions on Iran.	YES	YES	YES	YES
Supports engaging in direct negotiations with Iran with no preconditions.	YES	*	*	YES
Ending the Occupation of Iraq				
Supports leaving a residual force in Iraq.	NO	YES	YES	YES
A Nuclear Weapons Free World				
Supports negotiations with Russia for deep reductions of our nuclear arsenals with the goal of fully eliminating nuclear weapons.	YES	YES	YES	YES
Supports ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.	YES	YES	YES	YES
Opposes building new nuclear weapons, including the Reliable Replacement Warhead.	YES	YES	YES	YES
Military Budget				
Supports Rep. Barney Frank's "25% Solution", which would redirect 25% of the military budget for human needs.	NO	NO	NO	NO
Supports cuts to military spending on obsolete weapons and waste.	YES	YES	YES	YES

* Responses did not fall clearly into either category. Please see www.MassPeaceAction.org for complete comments.