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**Lewis Campaign Announces Strong Fundraising in 2007**  
*First-Time Candidate Raises More Than \$40,000*

Jason Lewis, Democratic candidate for State Representative in Stoneham and Winchester, has posted strong early fundraising numbers, raising more than forty thousand dollars in 2007. Lewis enters 2008 well-positioned to run what may be the strongest challenge to a sitting incumbent this year.

“The campaign has received tremendous support from people looking for new leadership in this district,” said Lewis. “We’re well on our way to reaching our fundraising and volunteer goals, and we’re looking forward to continuing a strong campaign through this year.”

Lewis’ year-end fundraising numbers, officially posted with the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance, put him well ahead of usual trends for candidates for State Representative. According to OCPF reports, the average total spending for a winning candidate in 2006 was just over \$35,000. With eight months remaining until the Primary in September, Lewis already has a base of financial support far exceeding that of most State Representative candidates.

“Jason received contributions from well over 200 individuals in 2007, from community leaders across the district to voters who mailed in checks after hearing about his campaign,” said Lewis’ campaign manager Samantha King. “I view this as an indication of Jason’s strong support throughout the district. Jason has shown a remarkable ability to connect with people and earn their confidence and support.”

"I would like to see new leadership at the state level for Stoneham," said Dave Maurer, a Lewis donor and the President of the United Council of PTOs in Stoneham. "I'm confident Jason will fight to bring increased local aid to the schools in our community, and that is why I'm supporting him."

Another Lewis supporter, former Winchester Selectman Judie Muggia said "With his business background and community service experience, Jason will bring new leadership and a fresh perspective to help us tackle our education, healthcare and local aid challenges."

"I have worked on State Representative elections across the Commonwealth, and I have never seen a progressive challenger raise this much money the year before the primary. We can definitely expect a strong campaign from Jason Lewis," said Georgia Hollister Isman, Political Director of Mass Alliance.

The Lewis campaign says that while the fundraising success is important, the real contest is Primary day in September, and they are keeping a focus on what's at stake in this election. "We're working hard," explained Lewis. "We're talking with people across the district about strengthening our schools, making healthcare more affordable for all our families, and ensuring sufficient funding from the state to provide local services without having to rely on property tax overrides. At the end of the day, that's what this campaign is about."

To view the report as filed with the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance please visit <http://www.mass.gov/ocpf/>.

More information about the campaign, including upcoming events, is available on the campaign website at [www.electjasonlewis.com](http://www.electjasonlewis.com).