

Jason Lewis Secures Another Healthcare Endorsement

Doctors and nurses from Stoneham and Winchester have joined statewide healthcare groups in supporting Jason Lewis, Democratic candidate for State Representative, 31st Middlesex district.

United Healthcare Workers East recently announced their endorsement of Lewis, who is running to represent Stoneham and Winchester. The organization, a local union of the Service Employees International, SEIU 1199, represents 12,000 nurses, hospital and nursing home workers, and other healthcare professionals in Massachusetts. The union called Lewis the best candidate "to improve and expand quality patient care in Massachusetts."

Lewis cited improving the healthcare system as one of the key issues in his campaign, along with strengthening public schools and increasing state aid to the district. He called the state's healthcare reform efforts "a good first step" but said that much more needs to be done to make quality healthcare "more affordable and accessible to everyone."

United Healthcare Workers East joins the Massachusetts Nurses Association, which previously endorsed Lewis. The MNA, the largest union of registered nurses in the state, represents 23,000 nurses committed to protecting patient safety and ensuring high quality care.

In addition, several doctors in the community have voiced their support for Lewis' campaign, calling him the best candidate to work for continued reforms in our healthcare system.

Subhash Bowry, a physician from Winchester, said he is "impressed by [Lewis's] enthusiasm and his agenda to generate results."

"In Massachusetts," Bowry said, "we're ahead of the nation on healthcare, but can we maintain it? Jason is willing to fight hard to provide everyone with access to quality healthcare."

Jody Naimark, a doctor from Winchester, added that "there is a shortage of primary care physicians in the state." She said that Lewis clearly "understands the situation and is deeply committed to improving our healthcare system."

Lewis said he is proud to have received this endorsement, noting that it affirms his commitment to "quality, affordable healthcare for all."

"We've made good progress in Massachusetts since 2006 expanding healthcare coverage," he said. "But when our children or our parents become sick, they can't afford to wait for distant reforms. I will work to improve our healthcare system as quickly as possible, by broadening coverage and lowering costs. Our families deserve it."