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## Jason Lewis Earns Mass Nurses Association Endorsement

The Massachusetts Nurses Association announced last week that they have endorsed Jason Lewis, Democratic candidate for State Representative in the 31st Middlesex district.

"We were impressed by Jason Lewis's commitment to improving the state's healthcare system," said Andi Mullen, director of the Mass Nurses Association. "He clearly feels it's important to ensure that everyone in the state has access to affordable healthcare and that nursing is seen as a safe and valued profession."

MNA is the largest professional healthcare association and the largest union of registered nurses in Massachusetts. Members comprise every role in the nursing field, working in more than 85 different healthcare facilities across the state, from large metropolitan to community hospitals, school nurses, public health nurses and visiting nurses associations.

With more than 23,000 members, MNA works to advance high working standards in the nursing profession and addresses healthcare-related issues. They regularly endorse state legislative candidates that they feel are committed to protecting patient safety and ensuring high quality care.

Mullen pointed out that Lewis identified healthcare as one of his top three legislative priorities.

"Our healthcare system -- particularly patients and caregivers -- are clearly at the top of his agenda," she said.

Lewis, who launched his campaign more than eight months ago, also cited education and local aid as his other top legislative priorities. In addition to MNA, he has also been endorsed by Mass Alliance.

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

"There is nothing more important than taking care of our children and our parents when they are sick," Lewis said. "Everyone should have access to the care that their family needs."