



PAX ENDORSES ED MARKEY

Brookline PAX, founded 1962, endorses candidates for office, especially the more local ones, but sometimes county or statewide.

For the US Senate PAX eagerly endorses Ed Markey, who deserves — has earned the opportunity — to be re-elected.

Over the last 4 decades, Ed has built an outstanding record of hard-working accomplishments as Legislator. For 37 years, he was an effective member of the House of Representatives. For the past 7 years, he's served Massachusetts — and the nation, even the world — in the Senate. He has a very impressive record of legislative accomplishment in many fields, often on the cutting edge of progressive causes — including the environment, research on Alzheimer's, control of gun violence.

While Ed is a proven progressive leader on a plethora of current issues needing major redirection, none is more urgent than the worldwide climate crisis — on which the USA must immediately take the lead in fighting, ending the last four years of being a big part of the problem, not even slightly helping solutions.

Ed has been not just a foot soldier, but a major leader in the effort to reduce greenhouse gases even before the issue (thankfully) has gained at least some widespread traction. Indeed, he's a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal which promises both sustainable environmental results and climate justice — as well as new, "green" jobs

Ed's also been a leader in the fight for stronger economic equity and relief, especially now for Americans struggling in the coronavirus pandemic. More than ever he supports Medicare for All; he's working with Senators Cory Booker and Kamala Harris to end the qualified immunity that protects abusive police officers; he cosponsored Cory Booker's Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, the only reparations bill in the Senate, establishing a commission to make recommendations on that long-overdue American history stain and shame.

Joe Kennedy's effort to unseat Ed are not only, to say the least, unpersuasive, — indeed evoking the adage, "no good deed [even great, even 4 decades of them] shall go unpunished." Joe's main asset — other than "youthfulness" (ergo lack of either achievements or proven leadership) — is his family name, and the mega-rich PAC money it attracts. His actual accomplishments in Congress are, candidly, very modest.

Brookline PAX has always highly valued both public service, and a proven progressive record in it — neither "term limits" or "change for the sake of change." In Ed Markey, we have a proven, still-very-energetic, experienced, progressive legislator with strong accomplishments, an ambitious agenda, and strong working relationships with — and respect from — other progressive congressional leaders. This choice is clear-cut. Ed not only deserves re-election; but Brookline, our Commonwealth, the USA, and our planet — and our current youngsters, the

next generations — all need him in both now-dysfunctional DC and, we hope, a soon far better Senate.

With hope as well as tragic irony, our so-called president's innumerable and horrific failings will help all of our current efforts to get a far saner — and far more progressive — Senate. To help lead it, please re-elect the proven progressive leader, Ed Markey!

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