

The race is on! I am challenging Joe Moakley's claim that he can be re-elected to the U.S. Congress representing the 9th District. I want to be your representative and with your support I will win this race. Polling data confirms public sentiment that Moakley is vulnerable, nearly 30% of the voters recently polled were unaware that Moakley is their representative. His absolute reelect numbers were less than 25% district-wide, and of the registered democrats polled, 44% stated that they would consider a moderate republican.

As I have traveled throughout the district introducing myself to voters, I hear comments concerning Moakley such as "Oh, is he really running?" , "Why is he running?" or "He has been there long enough." As a result of the redistricting process which occurred in 1992, the 9th District now extends from Beacon Hill to Taunton. It has been carved out of 4 counties and is made up of 15 diverse communities. Most significantly, over 76% of the voters in the 9th District now live outside the city of Boston! Our district is very different from the South Boston-based region that Joe Moakley was once elected to represent 24 years ago.

The new towns assigned to the district are Randolph, Braintree, Milton, Walpole, Brockton and Medfield. These towns have no allegiance to the incumbent. In fact, in both 1980 and 1984 Reagan carried this area. Similarly, in 1988 Michael Dukakis, in his home state struggled to secure these towns from George Bush winning with only 51% of the vote.

Joe Moakley has made many mistakes in the past year. Most notably was Moakley's ill conceived trip to Fidel Castro's Cuba. Two weeks after leaving Castro with a Red Sox cap and promises of warmer relations, 200 democratic dissidents were arrested and two rescue planes were shot down over international waters. This has left voters wondering " Is Moakley out of touch?"

As a surgeon I am held to a very high standard and make every decision based on a focused goal to make a patient well. As a representative, you can count on me to make the hard decisions to do what is best for our country. Joe Moakley has been our past, but he cannot be our future. Together we can win this race and lead Massachusetts into the 21st century!