

# Tsongas for Congress

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## TSONGAS ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Lowell- The National Education Association (NEA) has endorsed the candidacy of Congressman Paul E. Tsongas (D-Mass) for re-election. The Fifth District Representative received a perfect 100% rating from NEA for his votes on education issues.

In a letter to Tsongas, NEA President John Ryor stated:

"We appreciate your continued support for sound school legislation as evidenced by your voting record on educational and related issues.

NEA PAC and the state affiliate will urge the teachers in your District to give total commitment and support towards achieving victory in this campaign.

Your reelection to the U.S House of Representatives will be in the best interests of school children, parents, educators, and your constituency as a whole."

Tsongas said he appreciated the support of the NEA and would continue to work "to see that the best possible educational system is available to as many people as possible." The Freshman Democrat termed education "the indispensable cornerstone of this country's future."

According to Tsongas, the most important effort he has mounted relating to education is his Youth Employment Bill. The legislation would establish an Office of Youth Employment within the Department of Labor to assist high school students in selecting and becoming associated with career opportunities. The bill was the product of Tsongas' concerns that students were not receiving instruction and counseling that would result in future employment. The legislation has been co-sponsored by twenty-seven Congressmen in addition to Tsongas and is pending in the House Education and Labor Committee.

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