A STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF
EDWARD (TED) KENNEDY

The undersigned members of Faculties of Massachusetts Universities and Colleges urge support of the candidacy of Edward M. Kennedy for the United States Senate. Massachusetts cannot afford to be represented by two Republican Senators.

We know that Mr. Lodge claims adherence to the liberal wing of the Republican Party. But he belongs to the Eisenhower wing of the party which opposed virtually all these programs. On the great issues he will vote with the majority of Republicans and help kill the programs essential for welfare and progress.

Moreover, he belongs to the party which was responsible for the dangerous lag in the space program. Fortunately the Democrats have now reversed the trend and Edward Kennedy strongly supports the space program.

Massachusetts has a special stake in the programs which the Republicans are determined to stop or sabotage. Second in the nation in the proportion of senior citizens, Massachusetts has a special interest in Medicare, and in the extension of Social Security. Over the years the Republicans have either dragged their feet or opposed this legislation.

With 8 of the nation's 44 areas of surplus labor, Massachusetts especially needs help in retraining workers, an adequate Area Redevelopment Program, emergency Unemployment Compensation, and permanent liberalization of Unemployment Compensation. Yet Mr. Lodge has expressed great skepticism towards the Retraining Program, the Republicans have fought the Area Redevelopment Program, and the Public Investment Program for under-developed areas, and consistently oppose liberalization of Unemployment Compensation and the setting of minimum standards of Unemployment Compensation.

Massachusetts, one of the leaders in education in the 19th Century, has been losing ground. A Federal program for school aid would help Massachusetts regain her position. In higher education Massachusetts is last in the nation in the support of public higher education. Few states would profit more from the higher education bill which the Republicans were responsible for killing in Congress.

Mr. Kennedy will back the Administration's efforts to end the arms race with Russia. This administration has created the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; it is trying to prevent the spread of nuclear arms to other nations; and it has submitted the most wide-range plans for complete disarmament ever proposed. This intense search for an accommodation of the new compound.

A vote for strengthening Republican power in the Senate is a vote against Medicare, against Federal aid for schools, colleges and medical schools, against area redevelopment to reduce unemployment in depressed areas, against the revitalization of our cities, and against the monetary and fiscal policies that will bring us near to full employment.

As academic men, long interested in politics, we stress the point that in our opinion Mr. Kennedy is highly qualified on his own merits to serve Massachusetts in the Senate.

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