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**KHAZEI BUILDS WOMEN'S SUPPORT—OVER 100 WOMEN TO
CO-CHAIR CITIZENS FOR ALAN KHAZEI WOMEN'S FORUM**

BOSTON – Only a few weeks into the race to fill Edward M. Kennedy's senate seat, more than 100 women leaders have stepped up to co-chair a Women's Forum hosted by U.S. Senate Candidate Alan Khazei next Monday, October 19, 2009. Women across Massachusetts and the country recognize that Alan Khazei is the best senate candidate because in a time when our nation is facing multiple crises, we need someone who has a fresh approach with a proven track record of bringing people together and getting results.

Debra Kozikowski, Forum Co-Chair, and Vice-Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party said, "Alan Khazei is dedicated to building partnerships around the issues of green jobs, food security, and access to affordable health care for all communities. All across Massachusetts, urban, suburban and rural women and their families need an advocate with the vision and experience to build movements and bring people together. These 100-plus women co-chairs understand what every person who valued Senator Kennedy understands – it does not necessarily take a woman to understand issues that affect women and their families across the Commonwealth; it takes a senator with a vision to build movements and bring people together. Alan Khazei is the candidate who will be that senator."

Another Women's Co-Chair, Victoria Strauss Kennedy, wife of Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, who publically endorsed Khazei last week stated, "We need a senator who is a proven innovator and can build movements; someone that has a proven track record of putting new ideas into action and getting things done. I've known Alan for over 20 years through City Year, and I know that as a citizen he was able to build a national movement to get federal legislation passed. As a senator, I know that he will be able to bring people together to help solve some of the nation's toughest problems."

After being told that more than one hundred women Co-Chairs had committed to lead this forum Alan Khazei stated, "I am incredibly grateful for the support of so many women leaders. Our campaign is about Big Citizenship and empowering citizens to take new ideas and put them into action. These women are taking the lead to organize a forum that focuses on the issues that are important to women and to all citizens of our Commonwealth. This is what our campaign is about--uniting people to meet our challenges and strengthening our communities, Commonwealth and country."

The Citizens for Alan Khazei Women's Forum will be held next Monday, October 19, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:30p.m. in Boston. Location details are to be released shortly.

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